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Dear Fellow Drivers:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Nebraska Driver's Manual. The information in this booklet is designed to help you study for the driver license written and skills tests. I know that you will find the manual useful. The manual and an interactive written test are also available via the Department of Motor Vehicles' Web site at www.dmv.ne.gov.

By reviewing the information in this manual and taking the online practice test, you will increase your chances of passing the driver license test. You may also learn more about driving safely on our roads. These days Nebraskans are driving more vehicles; more miles. This increased traffic generally equates to higher crash rates. By being informed and by following the laws and rules of the road, you can reduce the likelihood that you will be involved in a crash.

I wish you safe travels as you drive the many beautiful roads and highways of Nebraska. Drivers, please make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up. I also urge you to review the information in this manual from time to time for the safety of all who share our roads.

Sincerely,

Dave Heineman
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Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote public safety through education and the regulation of drivers and motor vehicles, and to collect revenues that provide resources for state and local government operations.

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VISION STATEMENT

Exceptional service delivered by knowledgeable people with integrity, enthusiasm and respect.

DMV TIPS

- Please go to www.clickdmv.ne.gov to see if you are eligible to renew or obtain a duplicate online.
- If you received a Renewal Notice from the DMV, please update it and present it to Driver Licensing Staff when renewing.
- If you didn't receive a Renewal Notice, complete the Data Form (found in the centerfold of this manual). Present it to Driver Licensing Staff when making application for a license, permit or State Identification Card.
- Make sure that you have appropriate proof of identification and principal address documents (refer to Section 1C-1 of this manual).
- Proof of social security number or a valid US Citizenship and Immigration Services I-94 or I-94A document (in a valid foreign passport) is required for all first time and renewal applications (refer to Section 1C-1 of this manual).
- Take the time to carefully review this manual. Over 60% of first-time applicants fail the written test.
- For assistance with the written test, we recommend that you access the DMV website at www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/aaa. You will have the option of downloading the AAA Sample Test or taking a practice interactive written test online.
- Take full advantage of your renewal period.
- Avoid peak busy times at the Driver Licensing Offices: 1) after 3:00 p.m. each work day, 2) when schools are not in session, and 3) the day before and after a holiday.
- The operating hours for all permanent Driver Licensing Offices can be found in the back of this manual and all other office hours on the DMV website at: www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/trngtest/offices.
- Be prepared to pay cash for your license or permit. Some County Treasurers do not accept personal checks.

NOTE: Individuals who plan on taking a DMV-approved Nebraska Driver Safety Course to waive testing for a School Permit or a Provisional Operator's Permit are advised to verify that the course and instructor(s) are DMV certified by checking our website at: www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/trngtest/pop.html.

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SECTION 1

Nebraska License to Drive

1A Who Must Have a Nebraska License

- ◆ Any Nebraska resident who operates a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of Nebraska must have a license.
- ◆ Any new resident with a valid license from another state must obtain a Nebraska license within 30 days.

1B Types of Permits and Licenses

1B-1 Farm Husbandry Permits (Special and Temporary)

- ◆ A Farm Husbandry Permit authorizes the operation of minitrucks and farm husbandry equipment.
 - A minitruck is defined as a foreign manufactured import vehicle or domestic manufactured vehicle which: 1) has an engine of one thousand cc's or less, 2) is 67 inches or less in width, 3) has a dry weight of 4,200 pounds or less, 4) travels on four or more tires, 5) has a top speed of approximately 55 miles per hour, 6) is equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, 7) has an enclosed passenger cab, 8) is equipped with headlights, taillights, turnsignals, windshield wipers, a rearview mirror and an occupant protection system, and 9) has a four-speed, five-speed or automatic transmission.
 - Farm husbandry equipment is defined as off road vehicles designed for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations or for lifting or carrying an implement of husbandry.
- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 13 if you live on a farm or 14 if employed on a farm for compensation.
- ◆ **Testing:** Temporary: vision; Special: vision, written and drive tests.
- ◆ **Expiration:** Temporary: six months from date of issuance; Special: 16th birthday.
- ◆ Temporary Permits are non-renewable.

1B-2 Learner's Permit – Type LPE

This permit is issued for the purpose of allowing a student to legally practice driving for a School Permit.

NOTE: Individuals applying for an LPE must be eligible for a School Permit and meet all School Permit criteria.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 14. May not apply before the 14th birthday.
- ◆ Must be accompanied by a licensed motor vehicle driver who occupies the seat beside the driver. Motorcyclists must be accompanied by a licensed motorcycle operator within visual contact. *Note: Such licensed motor vehicle or motorcycle operator shall be at least 21 years of age and licensed by this state or another state.*
- ◆ **Testing:** Vision and written tests.
- ◆ **Expiration:** Three months following the date of issuance.



1B-3 School Permit – Type SCP

A School Permit can be issued if such person lives a distance of one and one-half miles or more from the school he or she attends and either resides outside a city of 5,000 or more or attends a school outside a city of 5,000 or more. A person holding a School Permit may operate a motor vehicle: 1) unsupervised to and from where he or she attends school and between schools of enrollment over the most direct and accessible route by the nearest highway from his or her place of residence to transport such person or any family member who resides with such person to attend duly scheduled courses of instruction and extracurricular or school-related activities at the school he or she attends; or 2) anytime when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. Motorcyclists must be accompanied by a licensed motorcycle operator who is within visual contact and at least 21 years old.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 14 years and two months. May not apply until individual has held an LPE or LPD for at least two months.
- ◆ **Requirements:** prior to making application for a SCP, individual must do **one** of the following:
 - 1) successfully complete a Department of Motor Vehicles approved Nebraska driver safety course, **or**
 - 2) complete a 50 hour certification form signed by a parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21.
- ◆ **Testing:**
 - 1) Individuals taking an approved Nebraska driver safety course: vision test required, the written and drive tests may be waived when Driver Licensing Staff are presented a waiver form signed by the Driver Safety Course Instructor.
 - 2) Individuals presenting a 50 hour certification form: vision and drive tests required, written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year.
 - 3) Individuals applying for a motorcycle endorsement or Class M SCP with approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision test.
 - 4) Individuals applying for a motorcycle endorsement without approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision, motorcycle written and motorcycle drive tests. Written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year. No 50 hour certification form will be required. LPE or LPD must be Class M or Class O with motorcycle endorsement on it.
 - 5) Individuals applying for a Class M SCP without approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision, motorcycle written and motorcycle drive test. Written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year. LPE or LPD must be Class M or Class O with motorcycle endorsement on it. The 50 hour certification form will be required.
- ◆ All persons being transported in a motor vehicle operated by a holder of a SCP are required to ride secured in an occupant protection system.
- ◆ **Expiration:** 16 years and three months.

1B-4 Learner's Permit – Type LPD

This permit is issued to allow a person to legally practice driving for a Provisional Operator's Permit (POP), Operator's (Class O) or Motorcycle (Class M) License.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 15. May apply 60 days before 15th birthday, issuance must be on or after 15th birthday.
- ◆ Permit holder must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 occupying the seat beside the driver. Motorcyclists must be accompanied by a licensed motorcycle operator who is at least 21 within visual contact.
- ◆ **Testing:** Vision and written tests. The written test may be waived if a school learner's permit (LPE), school permit (SCP) or learner's permit (LPD) has been issued that is valid or has been expired for no more than one year.
- ◆ **Expiration:** One year following the date of issuance.

1B-5 Provisional Operator's Permit (POP)

The Provisional Operator's Permit allows an individual to operate a motor vehicle unsupervised in Nebraska from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. Individual may only drive unsupervised between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. if they are driving to or from home to work or a school activity. Individual may drive anytime if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 16. May apply 60 days before 16th birthday, issuance must be on or after 16th birthday.
- ◆ **Requirements:** Prior to making application for a POP, individual must:
 - 1) have held an school learner's permit (LPE), school permit (SCP) or learner's permit (LPD) for at least six months and not accumulated three or more points on their driving record during the six month period immediately preceding the POP application date; and
 - 2) successfully complete a Department of Motor Vehicles approved Nebraska driver safety course, or
 - 3) complete a 50 hour certification form signed by a parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21. The certification form must indicate that at least 10 hours of motor vehicle operation was between sunset and sunrise.
- ◆ **Testing:**
 - 1) Individuals taking an approved driver safety course: vision test required, the written and drive tests may be waived when Driver Licensing Staff are presented a waiver form signed by the Driver Safety Course Instructor
 - 2) Individuals presenting a 50 hour certification form: vision and drive tests required, written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE), school permit (SCP) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year.
 - 3) Individuals who have been issued a School Permit: vision test required, written and drive tests may be waived as long as permit is valid or expired for no more than one year.
 - 4) Individuals applying for a motorcycle endorsement or Class M POP with approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision test.

- 5) Individuals applying for a motorcycle endorsement without approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision, motorcycle written and motorcycle drive tests. Written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE), school permit (SCP) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year. LPE, SCP or LPD must be class M or Class O with motorcycle endorsement on it. No 50 hour certification form will be required.
 - 6) Individuals applying for a Class M POP without approved motorcycle safety course completion card: vision, motorcycle written and motorcycle drive tests. Written test may be waived if individual has been issued a school learner's permit (LPE), school permit (SCP) or learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year.
- ◆ During the first six months of the POP, the holder can only operate a motor vehicle with no more than one passenger who is not an immediate family member and who is under nineteen years of age.
 - ◆ All persons being transported in a motor vehicle operated by a holder of a POP are required to ride secured in an occupant protection system.
 - ◆ **Expiration:** 18th birthday.

1B-6 Operator's License (Class O)

A Class O License authorizes a license holder to operate any motor vehicle (including a moped and an ATV) except a motorcycle and commercial motor vehicle.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 17. Individuals under the age of 18 may not apply until they have held a Provisional Operator's Permit (POP) for at least 12 months and have not accumulated three or more points on their driving record during the previous 12-month period.
- ◆ **Testing**
 - 1) Individuals under 18 that have been issued a POP meeting the POP criteria above: vision test.
 - 2) Individuals 18–21 who have held a POP: vision test.
 - 3) Individuals 18 or older applying for a first time license, who have never held a POP: vision, written and drive tests. Written test may be waived for individuals who have been issued a learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year.
 - 4) Individuals under the age of 18 surrendering a valid out-of-state license must meet POP requirements outlined in Section 1B-5.
 - 5) New residents 18 or older surrendering a valid out-of-state license: vision test required, drive test administered at discretion of Driver Licensing Staff. If the applicant is unable to surrender the out-of-state license or if the license is expired, the written test will be required.
 - 6) All other individuals renewing their Nebraska licenses: vision test required, written test may be waived (see Section 1C-3) and the drive test administered at the discretion of Driver Licensing Staff.

1B-7 mopeds

- ◆ A moped is defined as a bicycle with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, an automatic transmission and a motor not exceeding 50 ccs that produces no more than two brake horsepower at a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour

- ◆ A Class O license is required to operate a moped on public roadways.

1B-8 ATVs / UTVs

- ◆ An ATV/UTV may be used on public roadways if:
 - Outside the corporate limits of a city or village if incidental to the vehicle's use for agricultural purpose;
 - Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized by the city or village by ordinance; or,
 - Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county board by resolution;
- ◆ Any authorized ATV/UTV operation on public roadways must occur only between sunrise and sunset at speeds lower than 30 mph and not on a controlled access highway. The operator must have liability insurance coverage.
- ◆ Crossing a highway, other than a controlled access highway, may occur only if:
 - The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
 - The ATV/UTV is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or roadway of the highway;
 - The operator yields to the right-of-way to all incoming traffic;
 - If crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection; and,
 - Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on.
- ◆ A Class O license or farm permit is required to operate an ATV/UTV on public roadways.

1B-9 Motorcycle License (Class M)

A Class M License authorizes a license holder to operate a motorcycle or three-wheeled motor vehicle. For more information, obtain a copy of the *Motorcycle Operator Manual*.

- ◆ **Minimum Age:** 17. Individuals under the age of 18 may not apply until they have held a Provisional Operator's Permit (POP) for at least 12 months and have not accumulated three or more points on their driving record during the previous 12 month period.
- ◆ **Testing:**
 - 1) Individuals under the age of 18 that have been issued a POP meeting the POP criteria listed above: vision test. The POP must be a Class M POP or have the motorcycle endorsement on it.
 - 2) Individuals 18 or older who have held a POP within the last 24 month period: vision test. The POP must be a Class M POP or have the motorcycle endorsement on it.
 - 3) Individuals 18 or older applying for a first time license, who have never held a POP: vision, written and drive tests. Written test may be waived for individuals who have been issued a Nebraska learner's permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year (Class M or Class O with motorcycle endorsement).

- 4) Individuals under 18 surrendering a valid out-of-state license must meet the POP requirements outlined in Section 1B-5.
- 5) New residents 18 or older surrendering a valid out-of-state license (Class M or Class O with motorcycle endorsement): vision test required, drive test administered at the discretion of Driver Licensing Staff. If the applicant is unable to surrender the out-of-state license or if the license is expired, the written test will be required.
- 6) Individuals renewing their Nebraska motorcycle license or Class O license with a motorcycle endorsement: vision test required, written test may be waived (see Section 1C-3) and the drive test administered at the discretion of Driver Licensing Staff.

A “125 cc or less” restriction will be placed on the license when the motorcycle’s engine used to take the drive test was size 125 cubic centimeters or less.

1B-10 Commercial License (Class A, B, or C)

A Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) is required for anyone driving a vehicle that has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) more than 26,000 pounds, carries 16 or more persons (including the driver), or transports placarded amounts of hazardous materials. For more information, obtain a copy of *Nebraska’s Manual for Commercial Driver’s Licensing*.

No holder of a CDL can enter a traffic diversion program to avoid a conviction for a traffic citation (except a parking violation).

1B-11 School Bus Permit

A school bus permit (and in some cases a school bus “S” endorsement on the Commercial Driver’s License) is required of the driver of all vehicles that transport one or more school children provided such transportation is sponsored and approved by a Board of Education. A permit is not required for carrying members of licensee’s household in a private motor vehicle. Class of bus permit is issued on capacity and type of activity. They are:

<i>TYPE</i>	<i>CAPACITY (DOES NOT INCLUDE DRIVER)</i>	<i>S Endorsement</i>	<i>SB Permit</i>
Small Vehicle / Van	1-10 Passengers	No	A
School Bus	Up to 14 Passengers	No	B
School Bus, Activity Bus/MFSAB	Up to 14 Passengers, Activity Only	No	C
School Bus	15 or more Passengers	Yes	D
School Bus, Activity Bus/MFSAB	15 or more Passengers, Activity Only	Yes	E
Coach Bus, Owned by School	15 or more Passengers, Activity Only	Yes	E
Coach Bus, Operated by Common Carrier	15 or more Passengers, Activity Only Used on a Regular Basis	Yes	No
Coach Bus, Operated by Common Carrier	15 or more Passengers, Activity Only Used One Time or on a Very Occasional Basis	No	No

- ◆ **Age Requirements:** Minimum of 18 before the initial application for a school bus permit.
- ◆ **Testing:** Vision test annually. A written and drive test are required the year the Class O license or CDL expires or when the bus permit is expired over one year.
- ◆ Applicants must present a current (completed within last 90 days) physical examination annually to Driver Licensing staff when obtaining or renewing their school bus permits. Physical examination must be completed by a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse or doctor of chiropractic.
- ◆ It is the School Bus Permit holder's responsibility to maintain medical certification during the term of the Nebraska School Bus Permit issued.
- ◆ Certified training must be completed prior to testing.
- ◆ School Bus Permits expire on holder's birthday the year following the year of issuance. A person desiring to obtain a school bus permit should contact the Nebraska Department of Education for Title 92, Chapter 91: "*Regulations Governing the Operation of School Transportation Vehicles*" or access this information online at: www.nde.state.ne.us/LEGAL/RULE91.html.

1B-12 General Permit, License and State ID Card Information

- ◆ One form of U.S. based proof of identity and age is required for all permits, licenses and State ID Cards. See Section 1C-1.
- ◆ Two forms of principal address in Nebraska are required for all permits, licenses and State ID Cards. Section Section 1C-1.
- ◆ A social security number or valid US Citizenship and Immigration Services I-94 or I-94A document (in a valid foreign passport) is required for all permits, licenses and State ID Cards.
- ◆ Permits, licenses and State ID Cards issued to individuals under the age of 21 expire on the individual's 21st birthday. Permits, licenses and State ID Cards issued to individuals 21 or older expire on the individual's birthday in the fifth year after issuance.
- ◆ Any individual under 21 who holds a POP or license and who accumulates within any 12-month period a total of six or more points on their driving record will be required to attend and successfully complete a driver improvement course. This course will consist of at least eight hours of instruction. If an individual fails to complete the course within three months after notification by the Department, their POP or license will be suspended.
- ◆ The holder of an LPE, SCP, LPD or POP shall not use any type of interactive wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. Interactive wireless communication device means any wireless electronic communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or cellular phone, or a text messaging device, a personal digital assistant that sends or receives messages, an audio-visual player that sends or receives messages, or a laptop computer.
- ◆ Any individual who renews his or her license, which was valid for only one year or less will not be required to take the written and drive test administered by Driver Licensing Staff unless the license has a bioptic restriction on it.

1C Obtaining a Permit, License or State ID Card

1C-1 U.S. Based Proof of Identification, Principal Address and Social Security Number Requirements

Applying for a Nebraska Permit, License, or ID Card?

When applying for a Nebraska permit, license or State ID Card, you must present documentation of:

1. Identity containing Name and Date of Birth.
2. Principal Address in Nebraska (at least two documents are required).

Applicants must disclose their valid social security number which can be verified through the Social Security Administration or show proof of exemption from this requirement by presenting a valid, unexpired Record of Arrival and Departure in a valid foreign passport (I-94 or I-94A).

To help ensure your application process is as smooth as possible, please remember:

- Documents must be certified with a raised seal or stamp.
- Faxed or photocopied documents will NOT be accepted.
- Documents are subject to departmental review and approval. Additional information may be required.
- In some cases, document approval may not occur on the same day and may require an additional visit to the exam office.
- Any document which states “NOT TO BE USED FOR PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION” will not be accepted for identity verification purposes.
- The Department may retain copies of any document presented.
- Individuals under the age of 18 will be required to provide a certified birth certificate as proof of identity. Individuals under 18 presenting foreign-based birth certificates will be required to present an accompanying document from the Identity Verification list below.
- Individuals under 18 who are unable to provide a certified birth certificate will be required to provide another document from the Identity Verification list below and have their parent or guardian complete a [Certification Stating The Identity Of A Child Under Age 18](#).

1. Identity Verification

(Present **ONE** document to establish name and date of birth.)

In the event of a name change, you must present one document (certified marriage license, certified divorce decree or court order) which links your new name to the name that currently exists on your permit, driver’s license or State ID Card.

1. A valid Nebraska Digital Image Photo retained in the DMV computer system.
2. A certified birth certificate issued by a State Government Office. Individuals presenting city or county birth certificate may be asked to provide additional identification documents. Hospital issued birth certificates cannot be accepted nor can Puerto Rican birth certificates issued prior to September 30, 2010.

3. A valid permit, operator's license, CDL or State ID Card (Nebraska, out-of-state, or U. S. Jurisdictions), as long as the document is not mutilated or altered.
4. A valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card.
5. A valid, unexpired Record of Arrival and Departure in a valid foreign passport (I-94 or I-94A). If status is F1, F2, J1 or J2 an I-20 will also be required. If the I-94 or I-94A is stamped "Refugee" or the place of origin is Canada, the valid foreign passport is not required. If the I-94 or I-94A is stamped "Refugee" an I-797 may be required. Visas, Form I-151, I-94W or I-94 Border Crosser will not be accepted.
6. A valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (I-551).
7. A valid, unexpired ADIT stamp "Processed for I-551, temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent resident until _____" in a valid foreign passport . After June 28, 2004 printed statement "Upon Endorsement Serves as Temporary I-551 Evidencing Permanent Resident for 1 Year" in a valid foreign passport, providing the proper placement of an admission stamp.
8. A valid, unexpired Employment Authorization Card (I-766).
9. Certificate of Naturalization, Form N-550 or Form N-570.
10. Certificate of Citizenship, Form N-560 or Form N-451.
11. Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545.
12. A valid Military ID Card or discharge papers (Form DD214).
13. A letter from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on State letterhead showing a ward of the state's name and date of birth.
14. A Tribal Card containing name and date of birth.
15. A valid Job Corps Card containing name and date of birth.

2. Principal Address Verification

(Present **TWO** documents with your Nebraska principal address listed.)

A P.O. Box will not be accepted as proof of principal address. Proof of principal address must be from two different sources.

If you are under 21 and cannot provide proof of principal address, parents or guardians' principal address documents will be accepted.

1. Utility bill or credit card bill issued within the last 90 days.
2. Account statement from a bank or other financial institution issued within the last 90 days.
3. Valid Nebraska vehicle registration.
4. Nebraska voter registration card.
5. Pay stub or earnings statement issued within the last 90 days with the name and address of the employer.
6. Federal, state or local government documents, issued within the last 90 days such as receipts, licenses or assessments, with the exception of previous Nebraska licensing and State ID Card documents issued prior to July 20, 2009.
7. Valid life, health, auto or home insurance policy or card.

8. Mortgage, lease or rental agreement. (Lease and rental agreements must include the landlord's name and contact information.)
9. Nebraska DMV 30-day receipt.
10. Nebraska DMV Renewal Notice.
11. Valid real estate tax statement or receipt.
12. Magazines issued within the last 90 days.
13. Any envelope, box or postcard that has been sent indicating a postmark or stamped date within the last 90 days.
14. Blank check as long as accompanied by another document from #1-13 above.
15. Any valid license over 90 days old (nursing, law, teaching, hair, etc.) as long as accompanied by another document from #1-13 above.
16. Any correspondence, receipt, invoice dated within the last 90 days as long as accompanied by another document from #1-13 above.

3. Social Security Number or Exemption

Proof of social security number may be required and must include complete social security number. Proof of exemption will be required. All social security numbers and documents issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be verified.

1. Social Security Card.
2. W-2 form.
3. SSA-1099 form.
4. Pay stub showing applicant's name and social security number.
5. A valid, unexpired Record of Arrival and Departure in a valid foreign passport (I-94 or I-94A).

1C-2 Renewal Notice/Data Form

- ◆ The DMV sends renewal notices to individuals 90 days prior to the expiration of their current operator's license, commercial driver's license or State ID Card . *To speed up the renewal process, please present this renewal notice to Driver Licensing Staff at the time of renewal. The renewal notice should be reviewed and updated prior to that time.*
- ◆ Individuals who cannot present a renewal notice will be required to complete a DMV data form.

For your convenience, a detachable data form has been inserted into the centerfold of this manual for your completion prior to visiting the the Driver Licensing Office.

- ◆ Once all requirements have been met, a DMV Issuance Certificate must be reviewed and signed by the applicant affirming the information furnished.
- ◆ If driving privileges are revoked or suspended in Nebraska or any other state or jurisdiction, a Nebraska license will not be issued.

1C-3 Testing

◆ Vision Test

Minimum vision standards are required. The DMV vision test measures visual acuity and field of vision.

- If corrective lenses are needed to meet the standards, they must be worn at all times while driving, and the license issued will indicate this.
- If the standards are not met, either an ophthalmologist or optometrist will be required to check the findings.
- Applicants who cannot meet the minimum vision standards will be denied a license.

◆ **Written Test**

- There is a separate written test for each class of license. Information to pass the LPE, LPD, SCP, POP and operator's license (Class O) test can be found in this manual. Manuals for motorcycle (Class M) and commercial (Class A, B, or C) licenses may be obtained at local Driver Licensing Offices.
- Waiver of Operator's (Class O & M) Written Test.
Applicants renewing a valid Nebraska operator's license, may have the written test waived if they renew the license prior to expiration or within one year after expiration. Driver Licensing Staff have access to Nebraska driver records and will determine eligibility upon application for renewal.

◆ **Drive Test**

The drive test measures the ability to operate a specific class of vehicle under typical driving conditions.

- Driver Licensing Staff may, at their discretion, give a drive test to any license applicant.
- The vehicle must be furnished by the applicant for the drive test and it must be representative of the type of license applied for. The vehicle must meet these requirements:
 1. Vehicle must be in good mechanical condition.
 2. Model year vehicles 1964 or later must have a passenger safety belt that is clean and in working order for Driver Licensing Staff's use.
 3. Model year vehicles 1973 or after must have passenger and driver safety belts that are clean and in working order for Driver Licensing Staff and driver's use.
 4. Vehicle speedometer must work properly.
 5. Interior must be clean.
- The test consists of, but is not limited to, the following maneuvers:
 1. Starting and stopping.
 2. Right and left turns.
 3. Lane usage and position.
 4. Stop signs and traffic signals.
 5. Speed control.
 6. Use of right of way.
 7. Hazard identification and response.
 8. Parking and backing.
 9. Emergency roadside stop.

1C-4 Test Failure

- ◆ An Examiner Refusal Certificate will be issued indicating that a test was failed and how soon another test may be taken.

- ◆ **Please bring the Examiner Refusal Certificate with you when returning to the Driver Licensing Office.**
- ◆ Any test failed may not be retaken the same day.

1C-5 Test Passed

- ◆ Present the Issuance Certificate to any County Treasurer within 90 days. Failure to do so will require a return to the Driver Licensing Office.
- ◆ Pay the required fee. (Please contact your County Treasurer for information regarding acceptable forms of payment.)
- ◆ A 30 day receipt will be issued.
- ◆ In approximately 20 days, you will receive your permit, license or State ID Card via U.S. Mail at the address you provided to Driver Licensing Staff.

1D Restrictions

Reasonable restrictions may be placed on a license or permit.

- ◆ Typical restrictions are:
 - B – Corrective Lenses
 - C – Mechanical Aids on Vehicle
 - E – Automatic Transmission
 - F – Outside Mirrors
 - G – Limited to Daylight Only
 - Q – No Interstate Driving
 - U – Automatic Turn Signals Req'd
 - V – Geographical Area (Specify)
 - W – No One Way Streets or Roadways
 - X – Maximum Speed Restriction (Specify)
 - Y – Two Lane, Two Way Traffic Only
 - Z – Special, as Specified by DMV

When an applicant is NOT in their renewal period, a Statement of Physician or Statement of Vision will be required to remove a restriction previously placed on the license as a result of the submittal of a prior Statement of Physician or Statement of Vision.

1E Suspensions, Revocations, Impoundments and Confiscations

A license suspension is the temporary removal of the valid license and driving privilege from a licensee. Revocation is the removal of the license privilege and taking of a license from a licensee for a specific period of time. The license suspension and/or revocation will remain in effect until reinstatement requirements are met and fees paid.

Impoundment is the seizure and holding of the license by the court. The court orders the licensee not to operate a motor vehicle for a specified period of time and then returns that license to the licensee.

Confiscation is the seizure of the license by a law enforcement officer for refusal to submit to or failure of an alcohol content test. The driver is issued a temporary license that is valid for thirty days. At the end of the thirty days the license is revoked unless a Departmental hearing dismisses the violation.

1E-1 When Your License May Be Suspended, Revoked or Impounded

- ◆ Repeated violations of traffic laws in any state. (See Section 1E-2)
- ◆ Use of a vehicle while committing a crime.
- ◆ Being arrested or convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- ◆ Falsifying or withholding information on a license application.
- ◆ A driver is involved in a crash and leaves the scene without leaving name and address.
- ◆ Failure to comply with a citation or court judgment against a driver in Nebraska or another state.
- ◆ Alcoholism and drug addiction.
- ◆ Fleeing from a law officer to avoid arrest.
- ◆ Failure to submit to a chemical test.
- ◆ Reckless driving.
- ◆ Minor in possession.
- ◆ Juvenile drug violation.
- ◆ Any juvenile court conviction.
- ◆ Allowing someone other than the license holder to use the license.
- ◆ Having someone else take the license test.
- ◆ Conviction of No Proof of Insurance.
- ◆ Failure to have required minimum insurance liability coverage (\$25,000 property, \$50,000 personal injury) and involvement in an at fault crash.
- ◆ Failure to comply with a child or alimony support order.
- ◆ Failure by individuals under 21 to complete a driver improvement course after accumulating 6 points in one year.
- ◆ Violating terms of a school learner's permit, school permit or learner's permit. *Note: In addition, individual will not be eligible for any permit until they have reached the age of 16.*

1E-2 Point Revocation Procedures

- ◆ Accumulating 12 points in a two-year period causes automatic revocation of the operator's license for six months.
- ◆ A certified letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles informs of the revocation and directs the surrender of the license.
- ◆ Persons who fail to surrender the license will be fined \$500 or less, and/or imprisoned in county jail for 30 days or less.
- ◆ Persons whose license or privilege has been revoked under the Nebraska Point System Law must successfully complete a driver's education and training course consisting of at least eight (8) hours of instruction approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles at their own cost. Course must be successfully completed before the license or privilege to drive can be reinstated.
- ◆ Proof of financial responsibility must be maintained for three years following the ending date of the original revocation. Proof of Financial Responsibility is usually provided with a written certification of insurance from an insurance company, identified as Form SR-22.

- ◆ Persons whose license or privileges are revoked under the Nebraska Point System Law twice in five (5) years lose their license or privilege for three (3) years. In addition, the person must give and maintain proof of financial responsibility for three (3) years. Such persons *must* successfully complete a driver's education and training course consisting of at least eight (8) hours of instruction approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles at their own cost. The course must be successfully completed before the license or privilege to drive can be reinstated.

1E-3 The Nebraska "Point System"

- ◆ Conviction of Motor Vehicle Homicide12 points
- ◆ Third offense drunk driving, regardless of whether trial court found it to be a third offense12 points
- ◆ Failure to report a crash to law enforcement.....6 points
- ◆ Failure to render aid in a crash in which you are involved.....6 points
- ◆ Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs6 points
- ◆ Willful reckless driving (deliberate and intentional).....6 points
- ◆ Reckless (rash, heedless, dangerous) driving5 points
- ◆ Careless (inattentive, forgetful, inconsiderate) driving4 points
- ◆ Leave the scene of a crash.....6 points
- ◆ Failure to yield to a pedestrian with bodily injury to the pedestrian.....4 points
- ◆ Using a handheld wireless communication device to read, type or send written communication while operating a motor vehicle3 points
- ◆ Negligent (indifferent, offhand, neglectful) driving.....3 points
- ◆ Failure to yield to a pedestrian with no bodily injury to pedestrian.....2 points
- ◆ Failure to submit to an alcohol content test.....1 point
- ◆ Violation of Child Restraint Law1 point
- ◆ Speeding: Points are assessed for speeding on the basis of miles per hour (MPH) over the posted speed limit and the type of road:

INSIDE CITY LIMITS	OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
1 thru 5 MPH1 Point	1 thru 10 MPH.....1 Point
over 5 thru 10 MPH2 Points	over 10 thru 15 MPH.....2 Points
over 10 MPH thru 35 MPH ...3 Points	over 15 MPH thru 35 MPH...3 Points
over 35 MPH4 Points	over 35 MPH.....4 Points

- ◆ Operating a vehicle with an expired license or if no license has ever been issued is a 1 point violation.
- ◆ POP and SCP passenger violation and POP, LPD, SCP and LPE wireless communication device violation – 1 point is assessed.
- ◆ One (1) point is assessed for all other traffic violations. No points are assessed for parking, muffler, no valid operator's license on person, or for violations involving occupant protection system, motorcycle or a moped protective helmet.
- ◆ Upon conviction of a violation, points are assessed to a driving record as of the date of violation. Convictions remain on the record for five years; however, the points no longer count two years after the date of violation.

- ◆ When convicted of a traffic violation in another state, points are assessed against a driving record as if the violation occurred in Nebraska.
- ◆ A credit of 2 points may be granted to a driver successfully completing a DMV approved Driver Improvement Course prior to twelve points being accumulated. This can only be utilized every five years. This course must be completed prior to the *date of violation* which would assess the twelfth point.

1E-4 Court Ordered Revocation Procedures

- ◆ Court convictions for serious traffic violations can result in revocation of the operator's license and/or privilege to drive for a period specified by the Court.
- ◆ Proof of financial responsibility must be provided for three years from the ending date of the original revocation. Proof of Financial Responsibility is usually provided with a written certification of insurance from an insurance company, identified as Form SR-22.

1E-5 Court Ordered Impoundment Procedures

- ◆ Court convictions for serious traffic violations can result in the impoundment of the operator's license and/or privilege to drive for a period specified by the court.
- ◆ At the end of the impoundment period the court will return the license to the driver. Any driver that is convicted of driving during impoundment will have their license revoked for one year.

1E-6 .02% Under Age Drinking (Age 20 and Younger) and Driving

- ◆ For a conviction of .02% the license will be impounded by the court for 30 days and will become part of the driving record for 90 days. After 90 days the conviction will be deleted from the driving record. If the conviction is for an underage refusal, the court will impound the license for 90 days and it will become part of the driving record for 120 days. After 120 days the conviction will be deleted from the driving record.
- ◆ At the end of the impoundment period the court will return the license to the underage driver. Any underage driver that is convicted of driving during the impoundment will have their license revoked for six months by the court.

1E-7 Administrative License Revocation

- ◆ The Administrative License Revocation (ALR) law authorizes law enforcement to immediately confiscate a driver's license for refusal to submit to a chemical test for alcohol or drugs or, if the driver is tested, for failing the test. Drivers receive a temporary license which expires after thirty days. Drivers may request a hearing to contest the revocation. Drivers who refuse a test lose their license for one year. Drivers who take the test and have an alcohol concentration over the legal limit lose their license for 90 days the first time, and one year for subsequent offenses.

1E-8 Employment Drive Permit

- ◆ When driving privileges are revoked under the point system an application may be submitted for an employment drive permit. Persons subject to an Administrative License Revocation may be eligible to be issued an employment drive permit after serving the required no drive period which will be a minimum of 30 days. Employment drive permits only allow the holder to drive to and from the work location and home via the most direct route and strictly in reference to the terms of employment.
- ◆ An employment drive permit cannot be used to operate a commercial motor vehicle.
- ◆ An employment drive permit is also allowed for a 3 month time period during suspension for not complying with a child or alimony support order.

1E-9 Ignition Interlock Permit

- ◆ The Board of Pardons or a Court may order the use of an ignition interlock device. In order to drive a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device, the person will be required to obtain an ignition interlock permit during the period of revocation. Court ordered ignition interlock permits may be used to drive to work, school, treatment or to an ignition interlock service business.
- ◆ An ignition interlock device cannot be used to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

1E-10 Medical Hardship Driving Permit

- ◆ Individuals whose driving privileges are revoked under the point system may apply for a Medical Hardship Driving Permit. Permit holders can only drive from home or work to a specified hospital, clinic, doctor's office, or similar location and return for the purpose of medical treatment.

1E-11 Fleeing to Avoid Arrest

- ◆ Any driver who flees from a law enforcement officer to avoid arrest or citation for the violation of any Nebraska law which constitutes a misdemeanor infraction, traffic infraction, or violates any city or village ordinance (except non-moving traffic violations) commits a Class I Misdemeanor. The operator's license may also be revoked for this violation.
- ◆ Any driver who flees in order to avoid arrest for the violation of any Nebraska law which constitutes a felony commits a Class IV felony. The operator's license may also be revoked for this violation.

1E-12 Leaving the Scene

- ◆ Persons who leave the scene of a motor vehicle crash may have their driver license revoked for up to one year upon conviction.

1E-13 Minor in Possession (Age 20 and Younger)

- ◆ For a conviction of minor in possession the permit or license will be impounded by the court for 30 days. For a second offense the permit or license will be impounded by the court for 90 days. For a third or subsequent offense the permit or licensee will be impounded by the court for 12

months. If the person convicted does not have a permit or license, they will be prohibited from obtaining a permit or license for the same period as indicated for impoundment of the permit or license.

1E-14 Juvenile Court Drug-Related Offenses (17 and Younger)

- ◆ For a juvenile court conviction of a minor for drug-related offenses the permit or license will be impounded by the court for 30 days. For a second offense the permit or license will be impounded by the court for 90 days. For a third or subsequent offense the permit or license will be impounded by the court for 12 months. If the person convicted does not have a permit or license they will be prohibited from obtaining a permit or license, for the same period as indicated for the impoundment of the permit or license.

1E-15 Any Juvenile Court Offenses (17 and Younger)

- ◆ For any juvenile court conviction of a minor for any offense the court may impound the permit or license for 30 days. If the person does not have a permit or license they will be prohibited from obtaining a permit or license for the 30 days.

1F Miscellaneous License Information

1F-1 Duplicate/Replacement License/State ID Cards

- ◆ You can obtain a duplicate online at www.clickdmv.ne.gov if you:
 1. Hold a Class O (car) license, Class M (motorcycle) license or State ID Card.
 2. Have not changed your name or address since the issuance of your last license or State ID Card.
 3. Have not obtained more than one duplicate online within the last five years.
 4. Other exceptions may apply.
- ◆ Once a duplicate or replacement has been issued, the previously issued document is invalid and cannot be used as proof of identification.
- ◆ Apply for a duplicate if the original is misplaced or has been destroyed. Application may be made at any County Treasurer's Office. Proof of name and date of birth will be required and two forms of principal address may be required. Contact any County Treasurer's Office for assistance.
- ◆ **Name change:** For change of name, apply to any County Treasurer for a replacement within 60 days. Proof of the name change is required and two forms of principal address may be required. The following are accepted as proper documentation:
 - Certified marriage license
 - Certified divorce decree
 - Original court order
- ◆ **Address Change.** Apply to any County Treasurer for a replacement within 60 days. Two forms of proof of new principal address will be required.
- ◆ Department policy requires that individuals holding multiple documents must have the same name, date of birth and address on all documents. In some cases, individuals will be required to obtain a replacement document

or surrender the document(s) to the DMV.

1F-2 Renewal

- ◆ You can renew online at www.clickdmv.ne.gov if you:
 1. Hold a Class O (car) license, Class M (motorcycle) license or State ID Card.
 2. Have not changed your name or address since the issuance of your last license or State ID Card.
 3. Are in your 90-day renewal period or your license or State ID Card is not expired over one year.
 4. Are at least 21 years old (license and State ID Card holders) and less than 65 years old (license holders only).
 5. Are not changing your physical description.
 6. Other exceptions may apply.
- ◆ The State Department of Motor Vehicles sends renewal notices to applicants (see Section 1C-2). Licenses issued to individuals under 21, expire on the license holder's 21st birthday. Licenses issued to individuals 21 or older expire on the license holder's birthday in the fifth year after issuance. Individuals may apply for renewal 60 days prior to their 21st birthday, however, the license may not be issued until 10 days prior to 21st birthday. Individuals 21 and over may renew 90 days prior to their birthday.
- ◆ Individuals over 21 who are going to be out of Nebraska during their regular renewal period may renew with Driver Licensing Staff prior to the 90 day renewal period.
- ◆ Applicants that are out of Nebraska during their renewal period may renew prior to expiration or within one year after expiration of license by mail. Paperwork to complete this process may be requested by contacting the Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licensing Services, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509 or by calling 402-471-3861.

1F-3 Recall Examination

- ◆ Nebraska law allows law enforcement officials, physicians or others who are concerned about a person's capability to operate a motor vehicle safely to request the DMV to "recall" the individual for reexamination.
- ◆ The recalled individual will be notified via certified letter to appear at a specific Driver Licensing Office on a specific date and time to retake the written and driving tests.
- ◆ Recalled applicants will also be required to furnish a statement by a licensed physician regarding medical history as it pertains to driving ability. A vision statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist will also be required.
- ◆ Failure to report for an examination, or to submit the required medical or vision statement, or to pass required written and drive tests, will result in the license being canceled.
- ◆ For more information, contact Driver Licensing Services.

1F-4 Military

- ◆ There are special licensing rules for active duty military personnel sta-

tioned outside of Nebraska (except for members of the National Guard or reserves activated for training purposes only). These rules also pertain to family members. If the license was valid on or after August 27, 1971, the license is valid while serving on active duty and for 60 days following a discharge or return to Nebraska – whichever is later.

- ◆ If you qualify for the military exemption, you may request a Form 07-08. Form 07-08 is a small card, that explains the exemption, that you will attach to your driver's license. To obtain a Form 07-08 contact the Driver and Vehicle Records Division at 402-471-3918.
- ◆ Failure to contact DMV will result in your driving record being purged from the DMV computer system one year after the expiration date appearing on the license. If your record is purged, law enforcement and your insurance company may question the validity of your license.
- ◆ A license may be renewed after expiration or for individuals 21 or over 90 days prior to expiration, without testing, within 60 days of military discharge or a return to the State while still on active duty. Appear before any County Treasurer and supply the appropriate military papers and two forms of proof of principal address. Immediate family members of military personnel will also be required to show proof that the military member carries a Nebraska license. Renewal may also be done through the mail. Contact any County Treasurer's office for assistance.

1F-5 Organ and Tissue Donation Information

Nebraska Law allows all permit, license or State ID card holders over the age of 16 to participate in organ and tissue donation declaration through the DMV.

If a person says yes to organ and/or tissue donation, a heart donor symbol will be placed on the lower right hand corner of the permit, license or State ID Card. The symbol and "Donor" will only appear when an individual elects to be an organ and tissue donor. If a person does not say yes to donation, the area will be blank. The symbol even appears on the cards of minors (under 18 years old) who support the cause, but a minor's final decision is still governed by the consent of their parents or legal adult guardians to actually become an organ and tissue donor. The symbol will appear on the lower left hand corner of a minor's permit, license or State ID Card.

This donation must be renewed each time the permit, license or State ID Card is reissued. The donor status may be changed at anytime by applying to any county treasurer for a replacement permit, license or State ID card. A fee will be charged for this replacement.

You may also change your organ donor status by contacting the Donor Registry of Nebraska at www.donoregistry.org/ne/DonorForm.shtml or by calling 1-800-925-0215.

Organ and tissue donation information is available at the DMV at time of application. Additional information can also be requested at the time of application for a permit, license or State ID card by requesting more information be sent or by calling 877-633-1800.

Nebraska First Person Legislation allows a person to make the decision regarding organ donation for themselves and does not require additional consent. In addition, a donation made by permit, license or State ID Card, donor card or donor registry cannot be rescinded by anyone after a person's death. If a person is a donor at time of death, the family will be included in the dona-

tion process, but the decision to donate will not require authorization from them. The intent of the new law is to ultimately honor the wishes of the deceased. It is important however, to tell your family members that you have decided to become a donor, so that they will understand your decision and support it.

If you wish to donate \$1 to promote the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund, you may indicate such on your renewal notice or data form and include your donation with your payment.

1F-6 Accommodations for Disabled Applicants

Accommodations will be made by the DMV for disabled applicants. Contact your local Driver Licensing or State DMV Office *prior* to testing.

1F-7 Motor Voter Information

Nebraska law makes it possible for all license or State ID Card applicants to register to vote.

Voter registration is offered each time application is made for a license or State ID Card. Within 30 days of completion of an application where the applicant has indicated a desire to register to vote, a Voter Registration card is mailed to the applicant by the appropriate County Clerk or Election Commissioner.

1F-8 Appeal Process

If an applicant is denied or refused a permit, license or State ID Card, the Driver Licensing Staff's decision can be appealed to the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as provided in NRS 60-4,114.

SECTION 2

Important Driver Information

2A Alcohol, Drugs, and Driving

- ◆ Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while operating a motor vehicle is unlawful and is a major contributing factor in Nebraska crashes resulting in death and/or serious injury.
- ◆ It is unlawful to consume or be in possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage inside any vehicle on any public roadway or public parking area in Nebraska. This includes both drivers and passengers.
- ◆ Consuming alcohol and/or other drugs may seriously impair the ability of a driver to make appropriate decisions and safely control the vehicle.
- ◆ Nebraska has a “zero tolerance” law for drivers under the age of 21. This means that it is a violation to operate a motor vehicle with alcohol in your system.
- ◆ It is unlawful to provide alcohol to a minor and any such person may be held liable for damages suffered.
- ◆ It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle on Nebraska roadways if the driver has a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of:
 - **.02% or higher and the driver is under 21.**
 - **.04% or higher when operating a commercial motor vehicle.**
 - **.08% or higher regardless of driver’s age or vehicle type.**

Violations of these provisions are subject to criminal and/or administrative revocation of the drivers license.

Implied Consent Law

Refusal to submit to a chemical test of blood, breath, or urine for alcohol or drugs at the request of a law enforcement officer is a separate crime for which a person may be charged. Any driver that operates a vehicle on Nebraska roadways has already agreed to submit to a chemical test or tests when requested by a law enforcement officer. Refusing to submit to such test or tests or failing to complete a chemical test of blood, breath, or urine in the judgment of the officer, will result in a violation of Nebraska’s “Implied Consent” law. Drivers who refuse to take the requested test can be criminally convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or have the license administratively revoked. The administrative sanction for refusal is one year of license revocation. Criminal penalties for refusal are the same as criminal penalties for a DUI BAC .15 or over conviction. A convicted person’s license may be revoked from two to fifteen years (depending on the number of prior convictions) in addition to fines and jail time. Neb Rev. Stat. 60-6,197.03 (5), (6), (8), and (10).

- ◆ Most individuals exhibit signs of significant impairment and intoxication well below the unlawful intoxication level of .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC).
- ◆ Many factors affect an individual’s absorption of alcohol. These include: 1) weight, 2) sex (a higher proportion of a woman’s body weight is in fat and fat absorbs less alcohol than muscle tissue), 3) amount of food in the digestive tract, and 4) time spent drinking.
- ◆ Some drinkers can appear to be in control but they have seriously impaired their driving abilities.
- ◆ REACTION TIME – Simple reaction time is impaired at .04% BAC. When the driver must choose from a number of responses (choice reaction), impairment begins at .03% BAC.

- ◆ TRACKING – A driver monitoring the vehicle’s position on the roadway is an example of tracking. The ability to track a single object is impaired at .05% BAC. If two or more objects must be tracked at once, performance is reduced at even lower BAC’s.
- ◆ ATTENTION – A person can concentrate on a single task at BAC’s as high as .08%. But, if the driver must divide his or her attention between tasks, impairment is present below .05%.
- ◆ COMPREHENSION – An increase in the time it takes the brain to understand what it has seen or heard occurs at .05% BAC.
- ◆ VISION – Control over eye movement and the ability to merge two images into one declines at .05% BAC. The ability to perceive detail in an object in motion also declines at .05% BAC.
- ◆ COORDINATION – BAC’s at .05% impair tasks which require highly controlled muscular movements, such as coordination of hands and feet.
- ◆ ROAD TEST PERFORMANCE – a BAC of .08% impairs accuracy of steering, braking, speed control, lane tracking, gear changing, and judgement of speed and distance. Ability to respond to emergencies is impaired at .04% BAC.
- ◆ CRASH RISK – The risk of being in a crash begins to rise noticeably between .04% and .05% BAC, and increases rapidly thereafter. At .05% BAC a driver is twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a non-drinking driver. By the time a driver reaches .08% BAC, he or she is three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a non-drinking driver. The higher the BAC, the higher the probability that the impaired driver will have been at fault in a crash.
- ◆ Alcohol and/or drugs and driving do not mix. If you plan to consume alcohol beverages, always make arrangements for a designated driver or alternative transportation.
- ◆ Only time can reduce the alcohol level and the effects from the body. Over 13,000 drivers are arrested annually in Nebraska for traffic violations involving alcohol or drugs.

DRINKING and DRIVING is dangerous. Be safe and sober.

DRUG USE and DRIVING is dangerous. Be safe and sober.

2B Safety Belts, Child Restraints and Air Bags

Definition of Primary and Secondary Laws:

- ◆ Primary Law: any person driving in Nebraska can be stopped and ticketed solely for this violation.
- ◆ Secondary Law: drivers are cited for this violation only if stopped and ticketed for another violation.

Child Passenger Restraint Law

- ◆ Children up to age six must ride correctly secured in a federally approved child safety seat. (Primary Law)
- ◆ Children ages six up to age eighteen must ride secured in a safety belt or child safety seat. (Secondary Law)
- ◆ Children up to age eighteen are prohibited from riding in cargo areas. (Primary Law)
- ◆ If the driver holds a provisional operators permit or a school permit all passengers must ride buckled up. (Secondary Law)
- ◆ Applies to all seating positions in the vehicle.

- ◆ Violation carries a \$25 fine plus court costs and 1 point is assessed against the operator's driving record.
- ◆ Childcare providers must transport all children securely in an appropriate safety seat or safety belt. Violation may include revocation of childcare license. (Primary Law)

Occupant Protection Law

- ◆ Drivers and front seat passengers are required to ride buckled up in a safety belt or child safety seat. (Secondary Law)
- ◆ Violation carries a \$25 fine plus court costs.

Air Bags

- ◆ Air bags are an added safety feature and do not replace wearing a safety belt. When combined with safety belts, airbags provide improved crash protection.
- ◆ The driver's recommended hand position for vehicles equipped with airbags located in the steering wheel is the 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock position.
- ◆ It is possible that when an air bag deploys, even in a low speed crash, it can pose some risk of injury to children, elderly drivers and passengers, and short statured adults.
- ◆ For maximum safety, children age 12 and younger should ride in the rear seat.
- ◆ Never use a rear facing infant safety seat in the front passenger seat of an air bag equipped vehicle.
- ◆ If a forward facing child safety seat is placed in an air bag equipped seating position, slide the vehicle seat as far back as possible, out of the air bag's path.
- ◆ Drivers of air bag-equipped vehicles should allow at least 10 inches of space between themselves and the steering wheel.
- ◆ Questions concerning air bags can be directed to the DOT Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236, or www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

2C Handheld Wireless Communication Device

- ◆ It is a secondary offense to use a handheld wireless communication device to read, type, or send written communication while operating a motor vehicle. Violation carries a fine from \$200 to \$500.

2D Health and Driving

Health

The level of health and fitness of an individual normally corresponds to driving abilities. Both physical and emotional health can affect driving.

- ◆ **Emotions.** Driving demands full attention. Emotional control and stability is essential for safe driving.
- ◆ **Vision.** The most critical of the senses for a driver is vision. Good vision means:
 - Being able to identify critical objects ahead and do something about them.
 - Having good side vision allows objects to be seen moving in from the sides.
 - Being able to judge distances allows for good decisions to be made.
- ◆ **Hearing.** Being able to hear horns, sirens, and the noise from other vehicles can aide a driver in making safe decisions. Hearing impaired drivers should use hearing aides, when possible, or enhance vision skills to compensate.

- ◆ **Illness**, disease or disability may interfere with safe driving. A physician should be consulted to determine driving ability. Driving under the following conditions may be hazardous:
 - **EPILEPSY.** If under medical control, epilepsy is not dangerous, however, if an applicant indicates that they have had a seizure or loss of consciousness within a 3 month period prior to renewing or obtaining an operator's license, they will be asked to have a physician certify that they are capable of safely operating a motor vehicle.
 - **DIABETES.** Diabetics are advised to have regular vision checks.
 - **HEART CONDITION.** Individuals with heart disease, high blood pressure, or circulation problems should drive only after consulting a physician.
- ◆ Any person who is a diabetic, has a heart condition or suffers from any other medical condition that results in an incident that involved a loss of consciousness within a 3 month period prior to renewing or obtaining an operator's license will be required to have a physician certify that they are capable of safely operating a motor vehicle.
- ◆ Physicians and/or pharmacist should be consulted regarding any prescription medication and its possible effects on driving. Over-the counter medication packaging should be examined for possible side effects that may affect driving abilities.

2E Drowsy or Fatigue Driving is Dangerous Driving

In order to be the best and safest driver, you must be well rested and alert. Driver fatigue and falling asleep behind the wheel are factors in many crashes resulting in death and injury.

Tips from the National Sleep Foundation to avoid being involved in a sleep or fatigued related crash are to:

- ◆ Get enough sleep before a trip, take a mid-afternoon break and avoid driving between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- ◆ Know the signs of driving fatigue (drifting in your lane, repeated yawning, difficulty focusing, tailgating, or missing road signs).
- ◆ Talk to a passenger and change drivers, listen to talk radio, or listen to a talking book recording.
- ◆ Consume caffeinated food or drink to boost short term alertness and schedule a break every 100 miles to take a quick rest or nap or to get some exercise and always buckle up.

2F Defensive Driving

- ◆ Simply put, defensive driving means driving alertly to prevent crashes.

2F-1 Techniques

Develop the following defensive driving techniques:

- ◆ **Scan** ahead, to the sides and behind you. Learn to "read" the road. Look ahead. Take in the situation on the road at least 10-15 seconds ahead.
 - **Look to the sides.** At places where other cars, people or animals may cross your path, look to both sides and be sure that the way is clear.
 - **Don't rely on traffic lights.** Check traffic left and right before entering an intersection after a light change – someone may run the light.
 - **Look behind.** Check the traffic behind at least every 10 seconds, when changing lanes, backing up, slowing or driving down steep hills.

- **Blind spot.** When changing lanes, glance over your shoulder to be sure no one is in the "blind spot." This is the area to the side of a vehicle which cannot be seen in mirrors.
- ◆ **Communicate.**
 - **Use turn signals** when changing lanes, turning at intersections, entering freeways, pulling away from curbs or pulling off roads. Signal intentions at least 100 feet before planning to change direction.
 - **Use headlights** any time you have difficulty seeing other vehicles. Use headlights whenever using windshield wipers.
 - **Sound a sharp blast on the horn** to alert another of an immediate danger of a collision.
 - **Quickly tap brakes several times** when slowing down to warn drivers behind you.
- ◆ **Isolate.** Keep a cushion of space from other vehicles to have time to react to emergencies and avoid collisions. Stay in the middle of the lane and make sure there is enough room ahead and behind to pass or stop safely.
 - Use the two-second rule to determine safe following distance. Here's how it works:
 - 1) Watch the vehicle ahead pass some fixed point, such as an overpass, sign, fence, corner or other marker.
 - 2) Count the seconds it takes to reach the same spot in the roadway.
 - 3) Reaching the mark before two seconds pass is following too closely.
 - 4) Slow down and increase following distance.

Note: The two-second rule is a minimum requirement and should be increased by one-second for each adversity factor encountered (rain, heavy traffic, etc.).
 - **Maintain space on both sides** of the vehicle. On two-way streets, it's equally important to leave room between oncoming traffic and parked cars.
 - **Keep space behind** by keeping a steady speed and signaling in advance whenever slowing or stopping.

2G “Don’t Veer for Deer” – Driver Tips

- ◆ In passenger vehicles, you are more at risk for death or injury if you swerve to avoid hitting deer. If you are about to hit a deer, your safest action is to BRAKE (firmly), STEER (to maintain control) and STOP (as safely as possible).
- ◆ To lessen your risk remember DON'T VEER off the roadway, out of control, or into oncoming traffic.
- ◆ Reduce your risk for deer crashes by improving your vision, slowing down in marked deer caution zones and driving within the range of your headlights.
- ◆ Watch for deer from dusk to dawn, spring and fall, near waterways and near wooded areas. Remember deer are unpredictable and travel in groups, so watch for more than one and always buckle up.

2H Steering Wheel Locking Mechanism

- ◆ Beginning in 1969, most vehicles are equipped with a spring loaded steering wheel lock device that engages and locks the steering wheel when the key is turned to the lock position.

- ◆ Never turn your vehicle's ignition to the "lock" position when the vehicle is in motion. You will be unable to control the vehicle.
- ◆ As part of your vehicle's routine maintenance, an inspection of the steering wheel lock should be included.

2I Reporting Motor Vehicle Safety Problems

If you own a vehicle that you feel has a safety defect, you should report the problem to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). They gather information about safety problems in motor vehicles and equipment such as tires and child safety seats. Reporting a problem is your chance to help identify potential problems which sometimes lead to recalls.

The DOT Auto Safety Hotline can be dialed toll free at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) or a report of the safety defect can be filed via the Internet at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/index.cfm.

2J Television Set / Viewing Screen

- ◆ It is unlawful to operate upon any public roadway a vehicle which is equipped with a television set with the viewing screen that is visible to the driver while operating such vehicle.

2K Nitrous Oxide Use Prohibited

- ◆ It is unlawful to use nitrous oxide in any motor vehicle operated on any public roadway in this state.

2L Sunscreening and Window Tinting Restrictions

- ◆ It is unlawful to have any sunscreening material that is not clear and transparent below the AS-1line on a vehicle windshield.
- ◆ Nebraska Law provides restrictions for sunscreening or tinting that limits:
 - The front side windows to luminous reflectance of more than 35% or has light transmission of less than 35%.
 - The rear or back windows to luminous reflectance of more than 35% or has light transmission of less than 20%.
- ◆ Any person owning or operating a motor vehicle in violation of these restrictions shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

2M Required Equipment

The following equipment is required on vehicles by Nebraska law:

- ◆ Headlights
- ◆ Tail lights
- ◆ Brake lights
- ◆ Turn signals
- ◆ Horn
- ◆ Windshield wipers
- ◆ Muffler
- ◆ Safety belts (appropriate to year manufactured)
- ◆ Two systems of brakes (service brake and parking brake)
- ◆ Safety glass in all windows
- ◆ Pneumatic tires with at least 2/32" tread
- ◆ No objects hanging in windows or posted in windows which obstruct vision.

2N Proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance)

All motor vehicles operated on public roadways must have financial responsibility (insurance) in the following amounts: 1) twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one crash, 2) subject to such limit for one person, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one crash, and 3) in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one crash.

SECTION 3

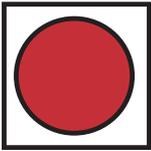
Signs, Signals and Markings

A thorough knowledge of traffic signs, signals and road markings is a must for all drivers.

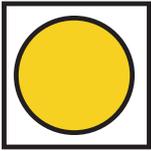
3A Traffic Signals

The standard sequence of an automated traffic signal is green-yellow red-green. These signals must be obeyed unless a traffic officer is directing traffic or to make room for emergency vehicles. If a traffic signal is not operational (dark) because of a power failure or other cause and no peace officer, flagger or other traffic control is in place, the intersection shall be treated as an all-way stop.

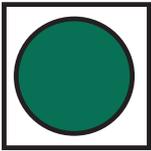
3A-1 Color and Types



- ◆ **Red.** Stop – come to a complete stop before reaching the intersection, stop line or crosswalk, and remain stopped as long as the light is red. During a power failure when the signal lights are not operating, a dark (uncovered) signal light is to be taken as a stop sign.



- ◆ **Yellow.** Caution – a steady yellow light is a warning that the light is about to change. If the vehicle has not entered the intersection, it should be brought to a safe stop. If in the intersection, continue moving and clear it safely. Speeding up to "beat the light" is unlawful.



- ◆ **Green.** Go – A vehicle may proceed through an intersection in the direction indicated by the signal if the roadway is clear.



- ◆ **Flashing Red Light.** A complete stop is required, yielding to oncoming traffic or pedestrians, before proceeding when the way is clear. A flashing red light at a railroad crossing requires a complete stop even if a train is not visible.



- ◆ **Flashing Yellow Light.** Be alert and proceed with caution. Flashing yellow warning beacons are commonly used to draw attention to a sign or a location that requires extra attention or action from drivers.



- ◆ **Red Arrow.** Come to a complete stop before reaching the intersection, stop line or crosswalk, and remain stopped as long as the arrow is red.



- ◆ **Yellow Arrow.** A steady yellow arrow is a warning that the light is about to change. If the vehicle has not entered the intersection, it should be brought to a safe stop. If in the intersection, continue moving in the direction of the arrow and clear it safely. Speeding up to “beat the arrow” is unlawful.



- ◆ **Flashing Yellow Arrow.** If in the proper lane, proceed in the direction of the arrow after yielding to approaching traffic and/or pedestrians.



- ◆ **Green Arrow.** If in the proper lane, proceed in the direction of the arrow whether the green arrow is displayed alone or in combination with another signal and the roadway is clear.

3A-2

Turns on Red



At many intersections, under certain conditions, a turn may be made while the traffic light is red. ***Before turning, come to a complete stop***, look both ways and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic. Failure to come to a complete stop prior to turning is a violation.

- ◆ **Right turn on red.** Turning right at a red light after stopping is allowed, unless signs prohibiting it are posted at the intersection.
- ◆ **Left turn on red.** Turning left at a red light after stopping is allowed ***only if traveling on a one-way street and turning onto another one-way street***. May be prohibited at certain locations. Watch for signs.

3A-3

Lane Use Signals

Lane use signals are used to control traffic flow by reversing a lane's direction during different hours of the day, usually coinciding with rush hour traffic. The lanes and their directions may be marked with signs and signals.



- ◆ Never drive in a lane under a red "X" signal.



- ◆ A steady yellow "X" signal means the driver should move out of the lane as soon as safely possible as a red "X" will soon appear.

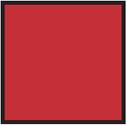


- ◆ It is permitted to drive in a lane under a downward green arrow symbol.

3B Traffic Signs

3B-1 Sign Colors

The color of a roadway sign indicates what type of information is being provided.



Red – Stop, yield, do not enter or wrong way.



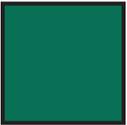
Yellow – Used on warning signs to call attention to unexpected conditions..



Yellow-Green – Used for warning signs specific to pedestrians, bicycles, playgrounds, schools and school buses.



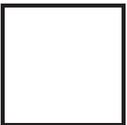
Pink – Incident management signs.



Green – Guide information, such as distance or direction.



Blue – Motorist services, such as rest areas or hospitals.



White – Regulatory, such as speed limits.



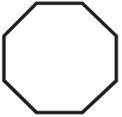
Orange – Alert to road workers, construction area.



Brown – Recreation and cultural interest areas.

3B-2 Sign Shapes

Sign shapes also indicates the sign's message.



◆ **Octagon: STOP**

The octagonal (eight-sided) shape always means stop.



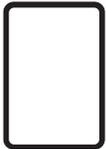
◆ **Triangle: YIELD**

The triangle (three-sided) shape always means yield.



◆ **Diamond: WARNING**

These signs warn you of special conditions or hazards ahead. Slow and proceed with caution.



◆ **Rectangle: REGULATORY OR GUIDE**

When vertical, signs are generally used to give instructions or tell you the law. When horizontal, signs give directions or information.



◆ **Pentagon: SCHOOL AND SCHOOL CROSSING**

The pentagon (five-sided) shape marks school zones and warns of school children crosswalks.



◆ **Pennant: NO PASSING ZONE**

Signs indicate a no passing zone.



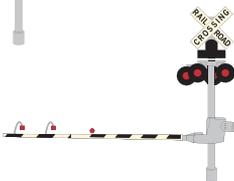
◆ **Crossbuck and Circle: RAILROAD CROSSING**

Advises the motor vehicle operator of a railroad crossing ahead. It means look both ways, listen for and yield to trains and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching. The number under the crossbuck indicates there is more than one set of tracks following the sign.



◆ **Flashing light signals**

May be used with crossbucks. Stop when the lights are flashing. Do not cross until you can do it safely. If there is more than one track, be careful to watch for trains from either the same or opposite direction.



◆ **Gates**

Used with flashing lights at some railroad crossings. Stop when the lights start to flash before the gate goes down. Remain stopped until the gates go up and the lights stop flashing. NEVER DRIVE AROUND THE GATES. It is dangerous and against the law.

Railroad gates and warning lights are to alert you that a train is in the area. You may collide with a train if you go onto the tracks.

3B-3 Regulatory Signs

These signs provide information about traffic laws. Obey their instructions. A red circle with a slash means NO – the symbol indicates what is prohibited.



- ◆ **Stop** – Come to a complete stop before entering an intersection. If there is a painted stop line, stop at the line. Stop before entering a crosswalk, painted or unpainted. If there is no crosswalk, stop at the safest point nearest the intersecting roadway to obtain a clear view of approaching traffic.



- ◆ **Yield** – Slow down or stop, if necessary, to give the right-of-way to crossing or merging vehicles.



- ◆ **Speed Limit** – Indicates the maximum speed that a vehicle can lawfully travel on the roadway.



- ◆ **No Left Turn** – Left turn prohibited.



- ◆ **No Right Turn** – Right turn prohibited.



- ◆ **No U-Turn** – U-turn prohibited.



- ◆ **Wrong Way & Do Not Enter** – These signs are often used in combination, and identify a one-way street or expressway ramp. Do not drive past either of these signs.



- ◆ **One Way** – Traffic flows only in the direction of the arrow.



- ◆ **No Parking** – Parking is prohibited.



- ◆ **Center Lane, Left Turn Only** – A driver may use the lane only to make a left turn.



- ◆ **Keep Right** – A traffic island, median or obstruction is ahead. Keep to the right.



- ◆ **Slower Traffic Keep Right** – These signs are used on multiple-lane roadways to reduce unnecessary weaving and when there is a tendency on the part of the motorist to drive in the left-hand lane (or lanes) below the normal speed of traffic.

3B-4 Warning Signs

Warning signs call attention to unexpected conditions.



◆ **Signal Ahead** – Traffic signal is ahead. Be prepared to stop.



◆ **Reduce Speed Ahead** – Informs motorists of a reduced speed zone.



◆ **Stop Ahead** – Approaching a stop sign.



◆ **Yield Ahead** – Approaching a yield sign.



◆ **Divided Highway Begins** – The traffic lanes ahead are divided by a median or divider and each lane is one-way. Keep to the right.



◆ **Divided Highway Ends** – The oncoming traffic lane ahead is no longer divided by median or divider. Keep to the right.



◆ **Two Way Traffic** – Roadway or upcoming roadway with traffic moving in opposite directions.



- ◆ **Added Lane** – Traffic from another road will be entering the road. No merging is necessary because a lane has been added.



- ◆ **Advisory Exit Speed Sign** – The advisory safe speed for an exit from a freeway or expressway.



- ◆ **Slippery When Wet** – Road surface will be slick when wet. Slow and proceed with caution.



- ◆ **Lane Ends** – The left (right) lane ends soon and a merging maneuver will be required.



- ◆ **Low Clearance** – The overpass has a low clearance. Do not proceed if the vehicle height exceeds the dimensions indicated.



- ◆ **Hill** – A steep down grade ahead. Check your brakes.



- ◆ **Deer Crossing Ahead** – Deer cross the roadway in this area. Be alert, especially at night.



- ◆ **Advisory Speed Plaque** – Supplements a warning (diamond) sign to indicate the advisory speed for the condition.



- ◆ **Pedestrian Crossing** – Be alert for people crossing the street. Slow down, yield right of way to pedestrians, or stop if necessary.



- ◆ **School Advance Crossing** – A crosswalk where school children cross the roadway is ahead.



- ◆ **School Crossing** – placed at the location where school children cross the roadway. Obey signs from school crossing guards.



- ◆ **Turn** – Sharp turn to the right just ahead. May be shown as left or right.



- ◆ **Reverse Turn** – Just ahead, the road turns sharply right, then left. May be shown as left or right



- ◆ **Reverse Curve** – Just ahead, the road curves right, then left. May be shown as left or right.



- ◆ **Curve** – There is a gradual curve to the right ahead. Slow down to the safe speed indicated. May be shown as left or right.



- ◆ **Gradual Left Curve** – There is a gradual curve to the left ahead. Slow down to the safe speed indicated.



- ◆ **Winding Road** – The road ahead is winding with a series of turns or curves.



- ◆ **Crossroad** – A four-way intersection is ahead. Be alert for cross traffic.



- ◆ **"T" Intersection** – The roadway ends ahead. You must signal before turning right or left.



- ◆ **Sideroad** – A roadway joins from the right. Be alert for vehicles entering the roadway.



- ◆ **Roundabout** – A roundabout intersection is ahead. Yield to drivers traveling counterclockwise within the circular roadway.



- ◆ **Traffic Merging From Right** – Adjust speed and lane position to allow traffic to merge safely.



- ◆ **Railroad Crossing** – Advises the motor vehicle operator of a railroad crossing ahead. It means yield and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.

3B-5 Special Signs



- ◆ **Guide Signs** – Green and white signs give directional and distance information. Diagrams direct the exit and entrance movements at interchanges.



- ◆ **Slow Moving Vehicles Warning** – Vehicles which travel 25 MPH or less – such as farm equipment – must display these emblems when using a public roadway.



- ◆ **Service Signs** – Blue and white signs direct motorists to services, such as hospitals, gas, food, lodging, etc.



- ◆ **No Passing Zone** – A yellow "No Passing Zone" pennant shape sign may be found on the left side of the road at the beginning of a no passing zone.



- ◆ **Reference Post Marker** – These signs are located on Nebraska highways in one mile increments to serve as a reference point for drivers to use when assistance is needed, or an emergency exists.



- ◆ **Handicapped Parking** – Parking spaces reserved for those with handicapped parking privileges.



- ◆ **Route Markers** – Signs used alone or in combination with arrow directional signs mounted below.



- ◆ **Dynamic Message Signs** – These signs provide important information to travelers. Messages can be changed to reflect the current conditions, route traffic, inform of construction schedules, incidents, etc. Most message signs are permanently mounted along freeways, while others are portable and can be used at construction sites, during special events, and in the event of a major traffic incident.

3B-6 Work Zone Devices

A highway work zone can be easily identified by unique orange warning signs immediately preceding the work zone. The orange signs with messages in black letters are reserved strictly to identify work zones. In addition to alerting drivers as they approach and enter work zones, black-on-orange signs are used within the work zone to convey specific information and directions to drivers as they pass through the work zone. Remember, black-on-orange signs identify work zones.

How should you react to work zone warning signs?

- Recognize that when you see black-on-orange signs, you are about to enter a work zone and should stay ALERT.
- Advance work zone signs may require you to take some action such as shifting your vehicle to another lane or reduce your speed.
- When you are expected to take some action, black-on-orange signs will convey the message far in advance so you will have enough time to take the action.
- Do not wait until the last minute to take action – the signs provide sufficient time for the driver to react without impeding traffic.



- ◆ **Flashing Arrow Panels** – Large flashing or sequencing arrow panels may be used in work zones to guide drivers into certain traffic lanes and to inform them that part of the road ahead is closed.
- ◆ **Work Zone Signs** – These signs are used to notify drivers of unusual conditions in or near work areas. Most signs are diamond shaped.



- ◆ **Flagger** – Warns drivers of construction or maintenance on the road ahead where a flagger wearing a bright-colored, reflective orange vest is stationed at the site to control traffic. The flagger uses a “STOP/SLOW” paddle to either stop traffic or allow traffic to proceed. When you see the “Flagger” sign, STAY ALERT and be prepared to stop.



- ◆ **Channelizing Devices** – Barricades, vertical panels, drums and cones are the most commonly used devices to guide drivers safely through the work zone.

3C Pavement Markings

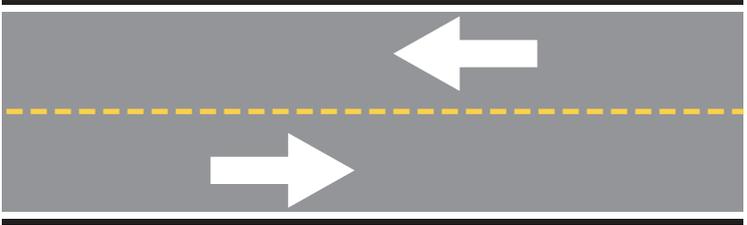
Road markings are used to guide and warn drivers as well as regulate traffic. Markings may be either yellow or white and used alone or in combinations.

3C-1 Yellow Center Line Markings

- ◆ Yellow center lines indicate that there is two-way traffic, flowing in **opposite** directions.

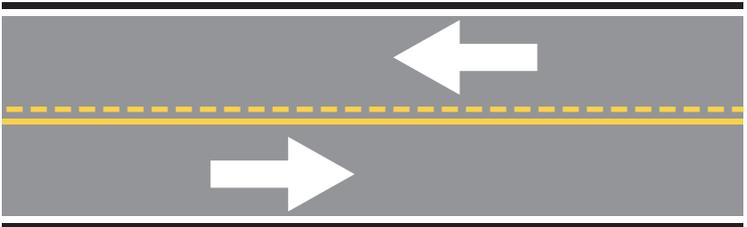
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A broken yellow line indicates that passing on the left is permitted when the way ahead is clear. Overtaking and passing should be done with care because of oncoming traffic.



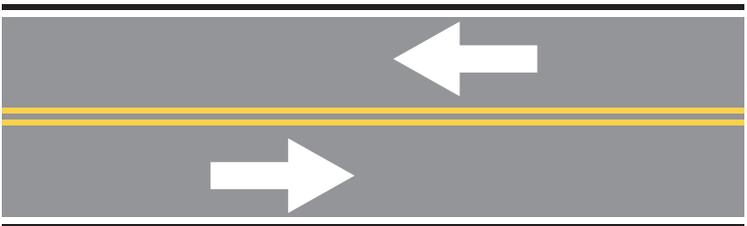
Solid and Broken

A broken yellow line alongside a solid yellow line indicates that passing is permitted on the side of the broken line, but not on the side of the solid line.



Double Yellow

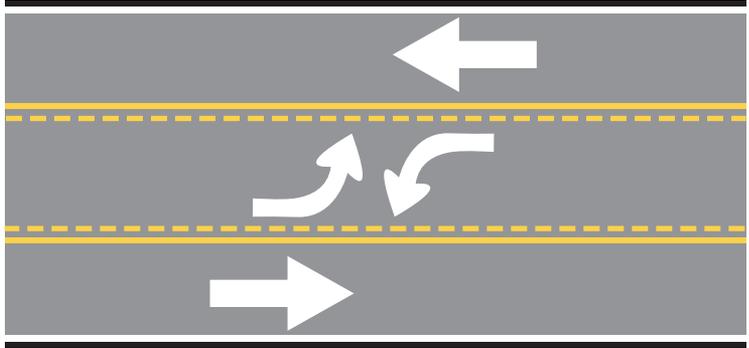
Double solid yellow lines mark the center of the road and separate oncoming traffic. Passing is not allowed in either direction. Making a left turn is the only lawful crossing allowed over double yellow lines, when turning into or from an alley, private road, or driveway unless otherwise prohibited by signs.



3C-2 Yellow Lane Line Markings

◆ Solid and broken (shared left turn lane)

A center lane separated with solid and broken yellow lines reserves a lane for left turns shared with traffic from the opposite direction. Motorists entering this lane should use caution and may only turn left. *Using this lane to pass is prohibited.* Signs or arrow markings on the pavement will assist drivers in recognizing this useful turning lane.

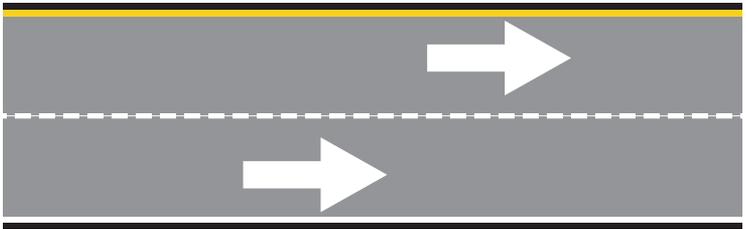


3C-3 White Lane Line Markings

◆ White lines separate lanes of traffic going in the same direction.

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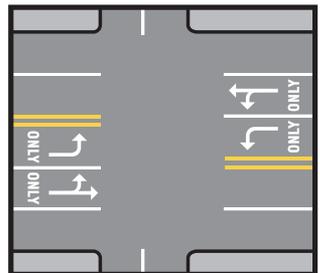
Broken white lines separate lanes of traffic going in the same direction, and may be crossed with care.



Solid with Turn Lane Arrow

Solid white lines are used for turn lanes and to prevent lane changes near intersections. Arrows are often used with the white lines to indicate which turn may be made from the lane.

When a lane is marked with a curved arrow and the word ONLY, you must turn in the direction of the arrow. When a lane is marked with both a curved and straight arrow, turning or proceeding straight ahead is allowed.



3C-4 Other Pavement Markings

Stop Lines

Stop lines are white lines painted across the pavement at intersections indicating the position to stop. In urban areas, the line is usually located about four feet before a crosswalk. **Drivers must stop at the line** (when present), not at the stop sign or traffic control signal.

Crosswalk Markings

These lines are painted across or partially across the pavement. Pedestrians have the right of way when pedestrians are in these crosswalks. Crosswalks are sometimes in the middle of the block in residential areas and school areas. Crosswalk areas may also be unpainted.

Railroad Crossing Markings

In advance of a railroad crossing, the white letters “R_xR” is set into the surface of, or applied to or attached to, the pavement, which is for the purpose of advising, warning or guiding traffic. At railroad crossings, a yellow line may be placed on the right side of the center line to prevent passing.

Rumble Strips

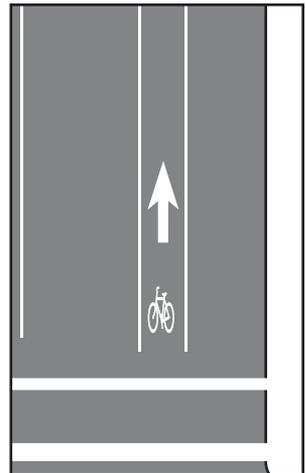
Rumble strips are a series of indented elements installed on a paved roadway shoulder near the travel lane, on a two-lane roadway near the center line, or in the lane of traffic approaching a stop sign or signal. Rumble strips are intended to alert drowsy or inattentive drivers through vibration and sound that their vehicles have left the travel lane or are approaching a stop sign or signal.

Two-Way Left Turn Lane Markings

A driver may use the center lane to make a left turn. Caution should be used since there may be left-turning vehicles from the opposite direction also using the lane. The lane cannot be used to pass other vehicles.

Bike Lanes

Bike lanes are for the exclusive use of bicyclists. Motor vehicles may cross over the bike lane to move into another appropriate travel lane, to enter or exit on-street parking spaces, or to enter or exit private property, but motorists are not to use the bike lanes for continuous travel down the street



SECTION 4

Rules of the Road

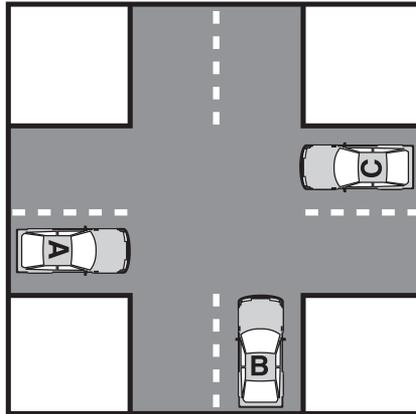
Applicants are required to know and be able to apply the rules of the road when driving.

4A Right-of-Way

There are rules to aide in determining when drivers must yield.

4A-1 For right-of-way at an uncontrolled intersection when vehicles are approaching the intersection at approximately the same time and where signs or signals are not used, watch for vehicles coming from the right and yield the right-of-way. For example:

- ◆ Car "A" yields to car "B" if car "A" is going straight ahead.
- ◆ If car "A" turns left, car "A" yields to both "B" and "C".
- ◆ Car "B" yields to car "C".



- ◆ Drive defensively, other drivers may not stop even if you have the right-of-way.

4A-2 At intersections with "Yield" Signs:

- ◆ Check for cross traffic before reaching the intersection.
- ◆ Yield the right-of-way to any cross traffic close enough to cause conflict.
- ◆ When turning onto a street or highway, yield to any vehicle close enough to cause conflict.
- ◆ Check for a gap in traffic, merge, and adjust your speed.

4A-3 At intersections with four-way stops:

All drivers have a duty to stop followed by a duty to use ordinary care as they proceed through the intersection. Common courtesy is that the driver who stops first should be permitted to go first. If in doubt, yield to the driver on your right. NEVER insist on the right-of-way and risk a collision.

4A-4 Rules for Driving Roundabouts

When driving a roundabout, the same general rules apply for maneuvering through any other type of intersection however traffic flows one-way in a counter-clockwise direction around the center island.

Large vehicles need more space when driving in a roundabout. Roundabouts provide truck aprons, raised paved areas next to the circular roadway for the rear wheels of large trucks to use when turning.

◆ Rules for driving a roundabout

- Slow down to the posted advisory speed and obey **ALL** traffic signs.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk as you approach the roundabout.
- Yield to traffic approaching on your left already in the roundabout.
- Enter the roundabout circle when there is a safe gap in traffic.
- As you approach your exit, turn on your right-turn signal.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk as you exit.
- Truck aprons are not to be used by cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, bicyclists or pedestrians.

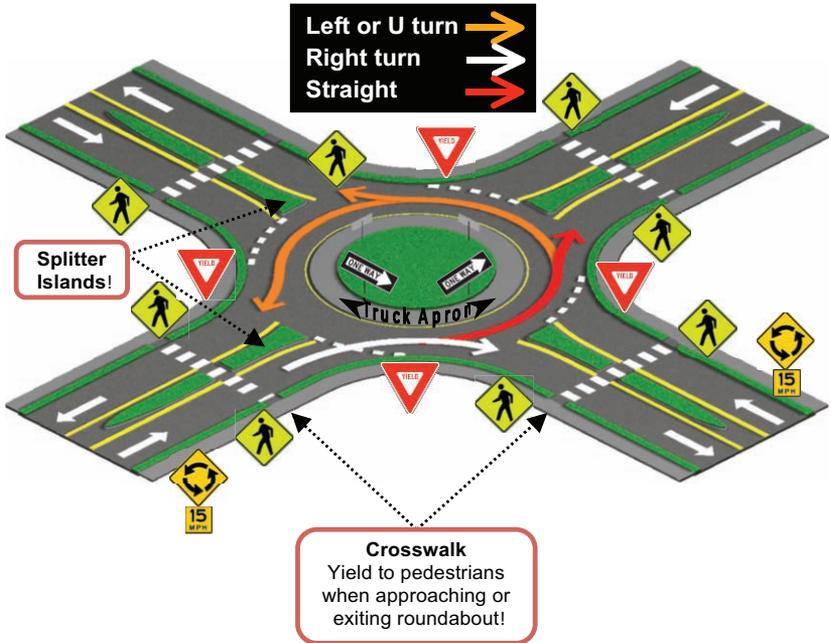
◆ Additional rules for driving a dual-lane roundabout – It is very important to observe signs and arrows to determine which is the proper lane to use **before entering the circular roadway**. In general,

- To make a left turn, choose the shared through/left-turn lane.
- To make a right turn, choose the shared through/right-turn lane.
- To go straight, observe the signs and arrows to see which lane is meant for through traffic.
- Yield to ***ALL*** traffic on your left already in the roundabout before entering.
- **Stay in your designated lane.**
- Avoid driving next to or passing large trucks approaching and maneuvering through a roundabout as trucks might cross into other lanes or onto the truck apron when turning.

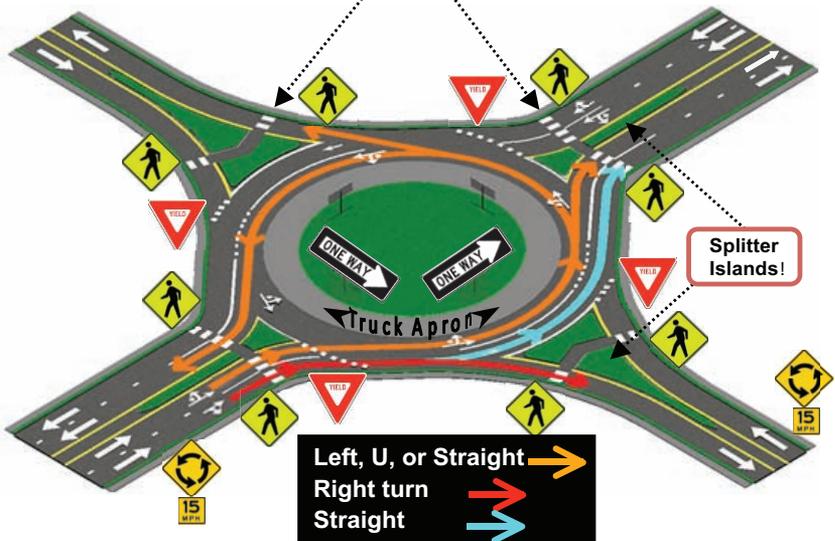
◆ Emergency vehicles in the roundabout

- Always yield to emergency vehicles.
- If you have not entered the roundabout, pull over and allow the emergency vehicle to pass.
- If you have entered the roundabout, continue to your exit, then once beyond the splitter island, pull over and allow the emergency vehicles to pass.
- Avoid stopping within the roundabout

Driving Single-Lane Roundabouts



Driving Dual-Lane Roundabouts

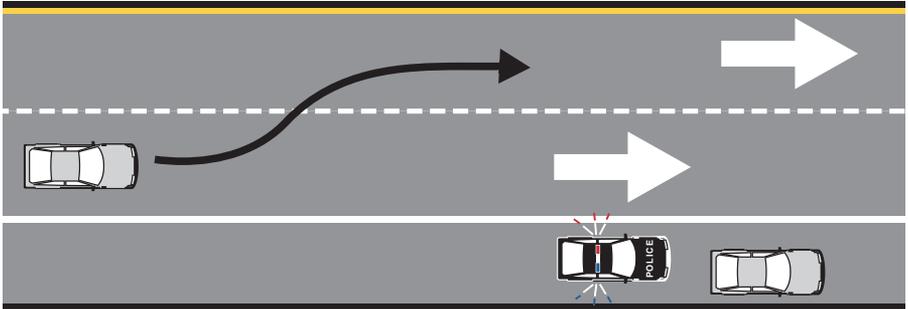


4A-5 Nebraska Move Over Law

A driver in a vehicle on a multi-lane controlled-access highway approaching a stopped emergency or road assistance vehicle with flashing lights must move into a lane at least one travel lane away from the stopped vehicles. If moving into another lane is not possible, due to other traffic or for other conditions, the driver must then reduce their speed and maintain a safe speed past the stopped vehicles.

The fines for violating move over law are:

- ◆ 1st offense up to \$100.
- ◆ 2nd and subsequent offenses up to \$500 and/or up to 7 days in jail.



4A-6 Move Accidents to Shoulder and Quick Clearance

Drivers involved in minor crashes on the interstate or freeway system in which there are no injuries and the vehicles are still drivable should drive the vehicles to the nearest shoulder out of the travel lanes. Vehicles that are unable to be moved to the shoulder may be pushed to the shoulder by Law Enforcement or have such vehicle removed by others.

4A-7 When leaving alleys/driveways/parking lots to enter a roadway, **STOP** before driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area and proceed slowly. Yield the right of way to any pedestrian and approaching vehicles.

4A-8 Right-of-Way to Emergency Vehicles

When the siren or flashing lights of a fire truck, police car, or ambulance are operating:

- ◆ Pull as close as possible to the curb or edge of the roadway and stop.
- ◆ Do not stop in an intersection or within a roundabout.
- ◆ Remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- ◆ Keep a foot on the brake to alert the emergency vehicle driver that the vehicle is stopping.
- ◆ Watch for other emergency vehicles before proceeding.
- ◆ On a roadway divided by a median, traffic going the opposite direction are not required to stop.
- ◆ No vehicle may follow any fire apparatus traveling in an emergency status closer than 500 feet or drive onto or park within the block the fire apparatus has stopped to answer an emergency.

Note: Funeral procession escort vehicles are classified as emergency vehicles. Drivers are required to yield to funeral escort vehicles displaying proper audio or visual signals.

4A-9 Right-of-Way to Pedestrians

Yield to all pedestrians within crosswalks. Slow down and be ready to stop if needed.

4A-10 Right-of-Way to Visually Impaired

When approaching someone using a white cane or guide dog, stop until the person is well away from the roadway or path of travel.

4A-11 Always obey a police officer when they are directing traffic.

4B Speed Laws

Nebraska's speed law requires driving at a speed that is reasonable and safe under existing conditions.

4B-1 Maximum Speed Limits – Unless Otherwise Posted

- ◆ Rural Interstate Highways – 75 MPH
- ◆ Expressway / Freeways – 65 MPH
- ◆ State highways – 60 MPH
- ◆ Hard surface county roads – 55 MPH
- ◆ County roads (non-hard surface and vehicles towing mobile homes) – 50 MPH
- ◆ Residential districts – 25 MPH
- ◆ Business districts – 20 MPH
- ◆ School Zone – As posted
- ◆ Watch carefully for posted speed limit signs.

4B-2 Adjusting Speed for Traffic Conditions

- ◆ Generally, drive at the same speed as the main stream of traffic to avoid frequent passing and to ensure you can adjust to slower moving vehicles.
- ◆ If you are driving at less than the normal speed of traffic, drive in the right hand lane available for traffic except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- ◆ Unless safety, an emergency, or the law requires otherwise, do not drive slow enough to impede or block the normal and reasonable flow of traffic.

4B-3 Adjusting Speed for Work and School Zones

- ◆ Work zone: Driving slower or faster than the surrounding traffic is a major cause of rear-end crashes in work zones. In the work zone, driving areas may be confined, and there may be no maneuvering space or escape route for vehicles that unexpectedly approach a slow-moving vehicle ahead. Traffic control devices such as barricades, cones, drums, flaggers, etc., are

used in work zones to guide and direct drivers safely through the work zone. Stay alert, obey the signs, maintain a steady speed consistent with the traffic flow unless otherwise directed, adjust your lane position away from workers and equipment, do not slow your speed abruptly, but be prepared to stop anytime.

- ◆ School zone: reduce speed, obey all signs and be prepared to stop anytime.
- ◆ Fines are doubled in school zones and when workers are present in work zones.

4B-4 Speeding Fine Schedule

MPH OVER	NORMAL	WORK/SCHOOL ZONES
1-5	\$10	\$20
6-10	\$25	\$50
11-15	\$75	\$150
16-20	\$125	\$250
21+	\$200	\$400

(Plus court costs, in all cases.)

4C Passing

4C-1 It is unlawful to:

- ◆ Pass in any marked no-passing zones.
- ◆ Exceed the posted speed limit when passing.
- ◆ Pass a school bus with flashing red lights and stop arm extended.
- ◆ Pass within 100 feet of any intersection.
- ◆ Pass within 100 feet of any railroad crossing.
- ◆ Pass on any hill, curve or bridge where vision is obstructed.

4C-2 How To Pass

- ◆ Decide if it is necessary to pass.
- ◆ Stay at least 2 seconds behind the vehicle ahead.
- ◆ Signal and check all around your vehicle before passing.
- ◆ Increase speed and pull into the passing lane.
- ◆ Signal and move back into the right lane when the front of the vehicle being passed or vehicles's headlights are seen in the rear view mirror.
- ◆ Resume speed.

4C-3 When Being Passed

- ◆ When another vehicle is passing, stay in the lane and maintain speed unless there is an emergency.
- ◆ In an emergency, speed up, slow down, or leave the road to prevent a crash.

4C-4 Passing Parked Cars

When driving past parked vehicles, watch for vehicles pulling out. Check for clues such as:

- ◆ Exhaust coming from the tail pipe.
- ◆ Brake lights on, turn signal flashing, or white back-up lights on.
- ◆ Front wheels turning out toward traffic.
- ◆ Person seated in drivers position.
- ◆ Watch for people or animals emerging from between parked vehicles.

4D Signaling, Reversible Lanes, Lane Changing and Turning

4D-1 Signaling

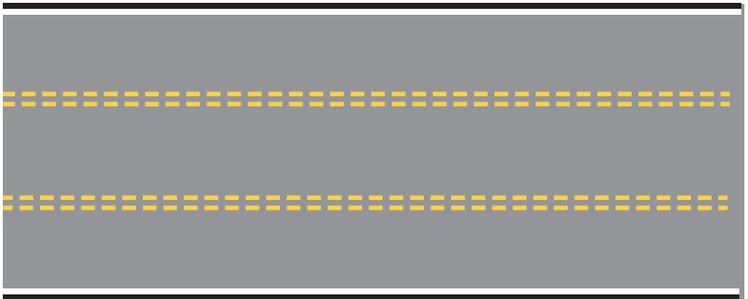
Always signal when:

- ◆ Changing lanes.
- ◆ Pulling in or out of a parking space.
- ◆ Pulling into traffic from a parking area or alley.
- ◆ Signal at least 100 feet before turning, or moving right or left.



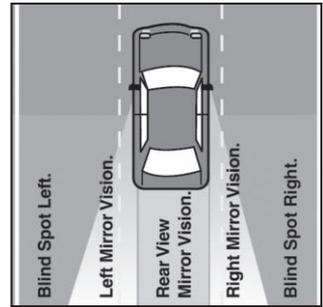
4D-2 Reversible Lanes

- ◆ Reversible Lanes are double-dashed broken yellow lines indicating the lane changes direction of traffic flow as is indicated by traffic signs or signals.



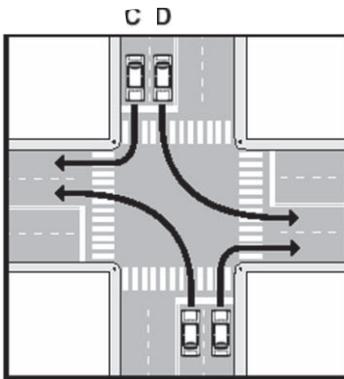
4D-3 Lane Changing

- ◆ Signal.
- ◆ Check in rear view and side mirrors.
- ◆ Check over left or right shoulder. Check blind spots.
- ◆ Check for other drivers who may also be moving into the same lane.
- ◆ Change lanes.
- ◆ DO NOT change lanes in an intersection.

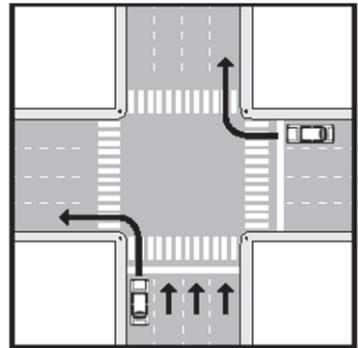


4D-4 Turning

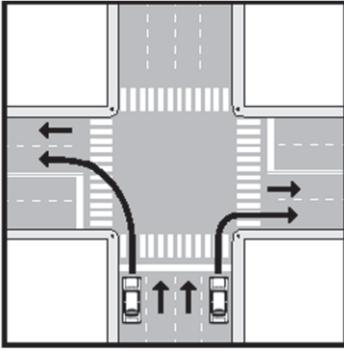
- ◆ Plan ahead.
- ◆ Be in the proper lane well in advance of intended turn.
- ◆ Signal the direction of the turn.
- ◆ Slow and check for persons and vehicles in your turning path and behind.
- ◆ Turn into the proper lane (see Turning Diagrams).
- ◆ Adjust speed to the flow of traffic.
- ◆ A right turn shall be made as close as practical to the right side of the road or street.
- ◆ If a center lane is not marked, a left turn shall be made from the left lane lawfully available and the left turn shall be made into the left lane that is lawfully available.



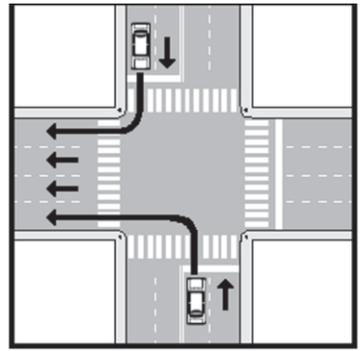
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Turns from one-way to one-way

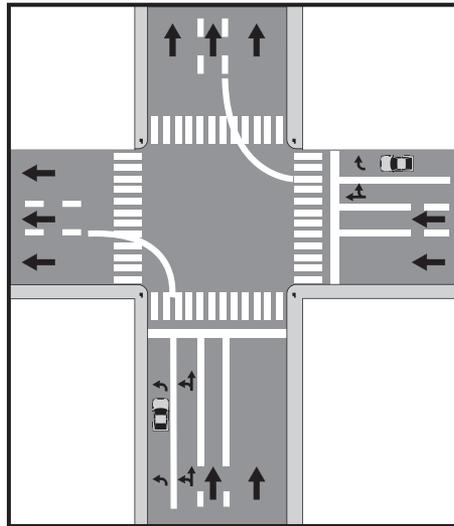


Turns from one-way to two-way



Turns from two-way to one-way

- ◆ Double turning lanes are indicated by regulatory signs and lane markings. Traffic in lane nearest curb should turn into the traffic lane nearest the curb. The second lane from the curb should follow the lane line into the nearest lane as indicated by the lane line.



4E Parking

4E-1 Emergency Roadside Stop

- ◆ Signal and move as far away from traffic and onto the roadside shoulder as far off the road as possible.
- ◆ Park vehicle within 12 inches of and parallel to the curb, or road's edge.
- ◆ Always park on the right side of roadway, unless it is a one-way street.
- ◆ Make sure vehicle cannot move.

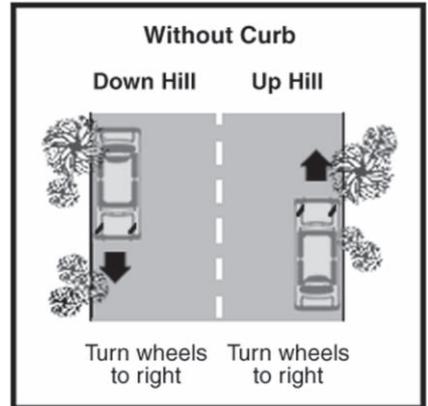
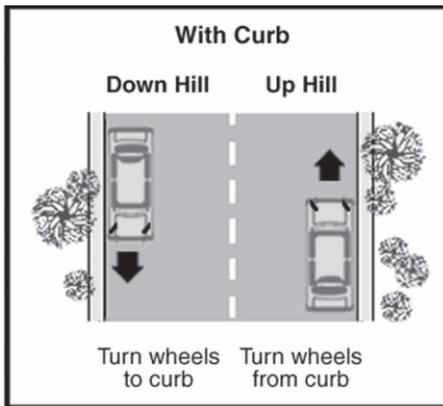
- ◆ Shift transmission to proper parking gear and set parking brake.
- ◆ Activate 4-way flashers.
- ◆ Turn off engine and remove keys.
- ◆ Check traffic before getting out of vehicle.

4E-2 Where Not to Park or Stop a Vehicle

- ◆ On a roadway directly beside stopped or parked vehicles.
- ◆ On a sidewalk, within an intersection, or on a crosswalk.
- ◆ Within 30 feet of any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or other traffic control device located at the side of the roadway.
- ◆ Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- ◆ On bridges, within a highway tunnel, or within 50 feet of railroad tracks.
- ◆ At any place where official signs prohibit standing, stopping, or parking.
- ◆ In front of a public or private driveway.
- ◆ Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

4E-3 Parking on Hills

If you park facing uphill where there is a curb, set the parking brake and turn the wheels away from the curb. In any other situation, turn the wheels toward the curb or edge of the road.



4E-4 Handicapped Parking

- ◆ Handicapped parking stalls are reserved for vehicles which display handicap license plate or permit from which the handicapped person enters or exits, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- ◆ Do not park in the handicapped parking access aisles located directly beside handicapped parking stalls.
- ◆ The fines for violating handicapped parking laws are:
 - 1st offense up to \$100,
 - 2nd offense up to \$200, and
 - 3rd offense up to \$300.
- ◆ Anyone found blocking a curbcut or wheelchair ramp can be issued a ticket for the violation of the handicapped access ramp.

4F Railroad Crossings

4F-1 Signs, Signals, and Markings

Railroad crossings have signs, signals and markings to warn drivers of the hazard. In addition to the round advanced warning sign and crossbuck, there may be a large white X, the letters RR, a no passing zone, and/or a stop line painted on the pavement.

4F-2 When Approaching a Railroad Crossing

- ◆ Do so at a constant controlled speed – fast enough to coast across tracks if vehicle engine stalls and slow enough to stop if necessary.
- ◆ Expect a train on any track at any time.
- ◆ Stop for any of these warnings:
 - A signal indicating a train is coming.
 - A crossing gate is lowered.
 - A flagman signals a train is approaching.
 - Train is clearly visible or train whistle is heard and would be hazardous for you to cross.
 - Stop at the stop line. If none, stop not less than 15 feet nor more than 50 feet from the nearest rail.
- ◆ Never drive any vehicle through, around or under any gate or barrier.

4F-3 After Stopping

- ◆ Make sure all tracks are clear.
- ◆ Make sure there is room for your car on other side of tracks.
- ◆ Watch for vehicles that must stop at railroad crossings, such as buses and trucks carrying hazardous materials.
- ◆ Do not change gears when crossing the tracks.
- ◆ Watch out for a multiple trains.

4F-4 Get Out of Stalled Vehicle

- ◆ If the vehicle stalls on a crossing, get everyone out and off the tracks immediately.
- ◆ If a train is coming, stay clear of the tracks.

4F-5 General Railroad Crossing Information

- ◆ Motorists must use extra caution at railroad crossings. Trains cannot stop quickly.
- ◆ Never try to beat a train across the tracks. Even if it is a tie, you will be the loser.
- ◆ Do not shift gears when crossing railroad tracks; you might stall.
- ◆ Trains cannot stop quickly. An average 150-car freight train traveling 30 MPH requires a stopping distance of 3150 feet or three-fifths (3/5) of a mile. The same train traveling 60 MPH requires 8500 feet or one and three-fifths (1-3/5) miles to stop.
- ◆ ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN.

SECTION 5

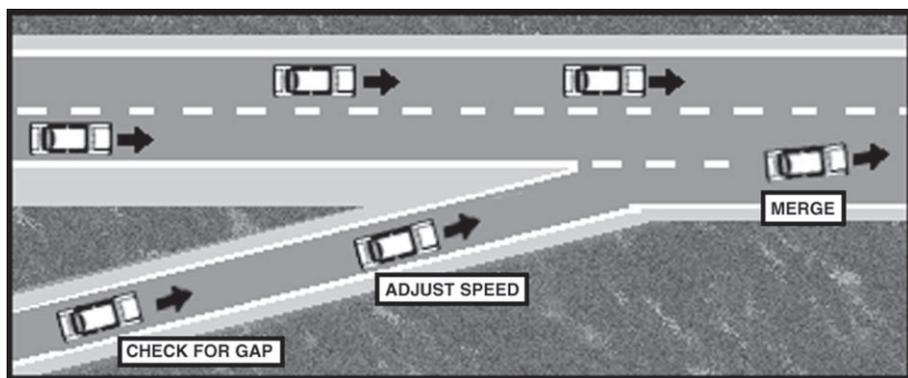
Special Driving Conditions

5A Interstate Driving

"Interstate" refers to any controlled access, multi-lane highway.

5A-1 Entering the Interstate

- ◆ Check for a gap in traffic in the nearest lane.
- ◆ Adjust your speed and signal to merge safely into that gap.



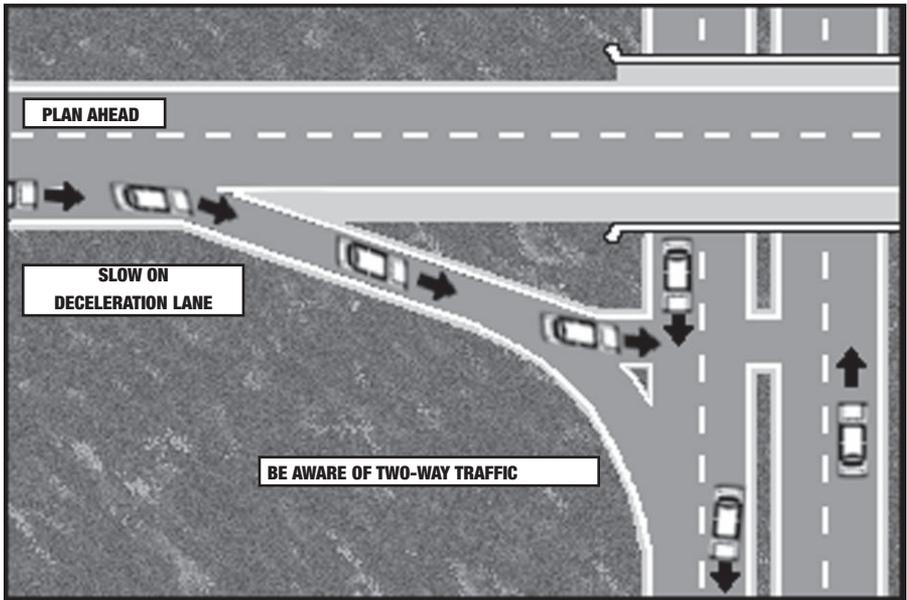
5A-2 Driving on the Interstate

- ◆ Maintain steady speed. Keep pace with other traffic.
- ◆ Obey posted speed limits.
- ◆ Slower traffic keep to the right.
- ◆ Be alert at entrance ramps for vehicles entering the interstate. If safe, signal and move left to allow them a smooth, safe entry.
- ◆ Avoid unnecessary lane changing. Stay in the right lane unless overtaking and passing another vehicle.
- ◆ Signal lane changes.
- ◆ Pass with caution. Check your blind spots when making lane changes.
- ◆ If you miss your exit, go on to the next exit. Backing up or using emergency crossover points on the interstate is prohibited.
- ◆ Never cross the median of the interstate highway.
- ◆ Minimum speed on the interstate is 40 MPH.

5A-3 Leaving the Interstate

- ◆ Plan ahead. Watch for exit signs and the proper lane position for those exits. Signal and move into the proper lane a mile or more before the intended exit.

- ◆ Slow **after** moving into the deceleration lane.
- ◆ Check advised ramp speed.
- ◆ Once off the interstate, be aware of two-way traffic and check posted speed limit.



5B Driving at Night

Darkness demands increased driver attention. Reduced visibility, glare from oncoming headlights, deer crossing the road, and eye strain can all combine to make night driving hazardous.

- ◆ Headlights must be used from sunset to sunrise.
- ◆ Turn on low beams when daylight begins to fade to help others see you.
- ◆ Driving with parking lights only is unlawful.
- ◆ When approaching another vehicle from the front or rear, auxiliary driving lights should be turned off at the same time the vehicle's headlights are required to be dimmed.
- ◆ Speed should be adjusted to safely stop within the area illuminated by the headlights.
- ◆ Use high beams on open highways. Dim headlights when following within 200 feet of another vehicle, and when meeting oncoming vehicles. If the oncoming lights are blinding do not look directly at the vehicle but look toward the right edge of the road.
- ◆ A clean windshield, inside and out, helps reduce the glare from oncoming vehicles.
- ◆ Keep eyes moving; eye strain, fatigue, and lack of concentration can be the result of staring at the spot created by the headlights.

5C Adverse Weather Conditions

5C-1 Rain

- ◆ Reduce speed in relation to road surface condition. Hydroplaning occurs when tires ride on a thin film of water instead of the road. To prevent hydroplaning, slow down.
- ◆ Increase your following distance.
- ◆ Use low beam headlights.

5C-2 Fog

- ◆ Use low beam headlights.
- ◆ Reduce speed, and proceed with extreme caution.
- ◆ Travel on roadway with posted speeds of 40 MPH or more is not recommended when visibility is less than 1/4 of a mile.

5C-3 High Wind

- ◆ Wind can be a problem for all vehicles, especially small and high profile vehicles.
- ◆ Watch for open spaces after driving in a protected area. Be ready to make steering corrections because of changes in the wind.
- ◆ When meeting large trucks and buses, be alert for possible steering corrections because of sudden wind changes.
- ◆ Be alert to high wind advisories when traveling.

5C-4 Snow and Ice

- ◆ Reduce speed and proceed with extreme caution.
- ◆ Increase following distance.
- ◆ Keep windows clear.
- ◆ Make speed and directional changes gradually.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control.
- ◆ Vehicles **not** equipped with antilock (ABS) brakes: pump brake pedal to keep brakes from locking up; there's no steering control unless the tires are rolling.
- ◆ Vehicles equipped with antilock (ABS) brakes: press brake pedal firmly; do not pump brakes.
- ◆ When going uphill, apply just enough power to maintain speed but not enough to cause wheels to spin.
- ◆ Studded tires are only lawful from November 1 to April 1.

5C-5 Blizzards

Blizzards are among the worst kinds of conditions for driving. It combines the limited visibility of fog, the slippery roads found with ice and snow, and the unexpected steering corrections of wind. Driving is not advised in these conditions.

If stranded:

- ◆ Don't panic. Stay with the vehicle.
- ◆ Open a window slightly for fresh air.
- ◆ Conserve fuel, run the engine and heater sparingly, and only with a slightly open window for ventilation. Keep snow from blocking exhaust (tail) pipe.
- ◆ Use your emergency flashers to make your car more visible to work crews. Turn your dome light on at night.
- ◆ If more than one person is in the car, take turns keeping watch and sleeping.

5D Driving Emergencies

5D - 1 Wheels Drop Off Roadway or Pavement Edge

- ◆ Hold steering wheel firmly and steer so wheels straddle the edge of the roadway.
- ◆ Don't attempt to turn back onto the roadway immediately.
- ◆ Reduce speed.
- ◆ Check traffic.
- ◆ Gradually turn back onto roadway when it is safe to do so staying in the driving lane.

5E Distracted / Aggressive Driving

5E - 1 Distracted Driving

- ◆ Driving demands the driver's full attention.
- ◆ Avoid eating, reading, changing CD's, cell phone use, applying makeup, etc., when driving.
- ◆ Be prepared before you start any trip so you can pay attention to the driving task.

5E - 2 Aggressive Driving

- ◆ Aggressive driving is driving behavior that is frightening or rude to other drivers.
- ◆ Examples of aggressive driving include, but are not limited to: tailgating, cutting off other drivers, running red lights and failing to yield to other vehicles.
- ◆ Avoid driving when angry or upset; treat other motorists as you expect to be treated.

SECTION 6

Sharing The Road With Other Users

Motorcycles, school buses, bicycles, and pedestrians use the roadways too. Be aware of these other roadway users and extend the courtesy to share the road safely and efficiently.

6A Motorcycles

6A-1 Seeing and Understanding Motorcycles

- ◆ Motorcycles are vehicles with the same rights and privileges as any vehicle on the roadway.
- ◆ Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width. Although it may seem as though there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.
- ◆ Approximately one-third of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle. Nearly 40 percent were caused by the other vehicle turning left in front of the motorcyclist.
- ◆ Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. Motorcycles have a much smaller profile than vehicles, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.
- ◆ Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- ◆ Remember that motorcyclists are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size. Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
- ◆ Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle – motorcycle signals usually are not self-cancelling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.
- ◆ Remember that road conditions which are minor annoyances to you pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Motorcyclists may change speed or adjust their position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.
- ◆ Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, following a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions motorcycles can stop more quickly than a car.

6B Bicyclists

- ◆ A person riding a bicycle has all the same rights and responsibilities as a driver of a motor vehicle; bicyclists must obey traffic laws.
- ◆ Bicyclists may ride on paved shoulders, as far right in a lane as is practical and when the lane can be safely shared by a bicycle and car, side by side.
- ◆ Bicyclists are not restricted to the right lane of traffic. A bicyclist may need to change lanes to make left turns or to continue through an intersection. They follow the same path any other vehicle would take traveling in the same direction.

- ◆ Motorists should merge with bicycle traffic when preparing for a right hand turn. Avoid turning directly across a path of bicycle traveling in the same direction. When turning left at an intersection, yield to oncoming bicyclists just as you would to oncoming motorists.
- ◆ Do not blast a vehicle's horn when approaching a bicyclist.
- ◆ Look for bicycles before opening car doors.
- ◆ Always allow three feet to the left of the bicycle when passing. Reduce speed and move into the next or oncoming lane to pass. If there is oncoming traffic, reduce speed and follow the bicycle until oncoming traffic clears.
- ◆ Children on bicycles are often unpredictable in their actions. A common crash type for young cyclists is mid-block ride-outs entering a road from a driveway, alley, or curb without slowing, stopping or looking for traffic.
- ◆ Look both ways at intersections before turning. Bicyclists may be found riding incorrectly, facing traffic and create special hazards at intersections.
- ◆ At intersections and roundabouts, right of way rules apply equally to bicyclists and motor vehicles.

6C Pedestrians

- ◆ Expect pedestrians anywhere at anytime and always yield to them.
- ◆ Be alert for pedestrians crossing in the middle of the street especially near schools, parks, and residential areas.
- ◆ Be alert for pedestrians who disregard or misjudge traffic signals and walk against the light.
- ◆ Yield to pedestrians when turning.
- ◆ Be especially alert where right or left turn on red lights are allowed.
- ◆ Come to a complete stop behind crosswalks (marked and unmarked) at stop signs or red lights.
- ◆ Do not pass a vehicle which has stopped for a pedestrian. The stopped vehicle may block the view of the pedestrian in the street.
- ◆ Always give the right of way to a blind or visually impaired person (who is using a white cane or dog guide) by stopping and remaining stopped until the person is clear of the roadway.

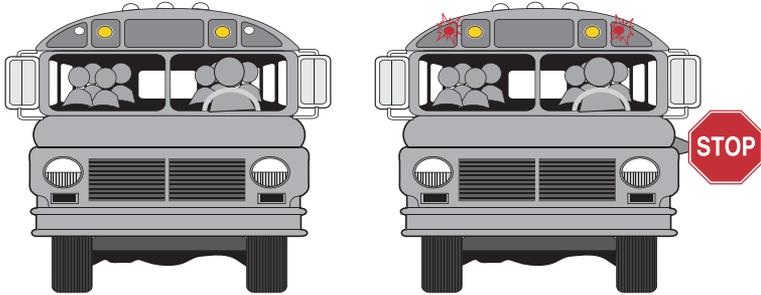
6D Snow and Ice Removal Operations

During and after winter storms, the process of snow and ice removal is almost continuous until the streets and highways are back to normal conditions. When approaching snow removal equipment, be aware of the following:

- ◆ Snow removal equipment may result in snow restricting visibility. Pass only if the roadway ahead can clearly be seen. Extreme caution should be used when passing.
- ◆ Snow removal equipment may leave ridges of snow making passing hazardous.
- ◆ Occasionally, the weight of the plowed snow may cause the snow removal equipment to skid.
- ◆ Maintain a safe following distance from snow removal equipment. Flying sand and chunks of ice and snow can damage vehicles.
- ◆ Maintain a following distance of 100 feet from snow removal equipment or other maintenance vehicles while working on roadways, except to pass.

6E School Buses

Always be alert for students on or near the roadway when a school bus is stopped.



6E-1 Overhead Amber Warning Lights

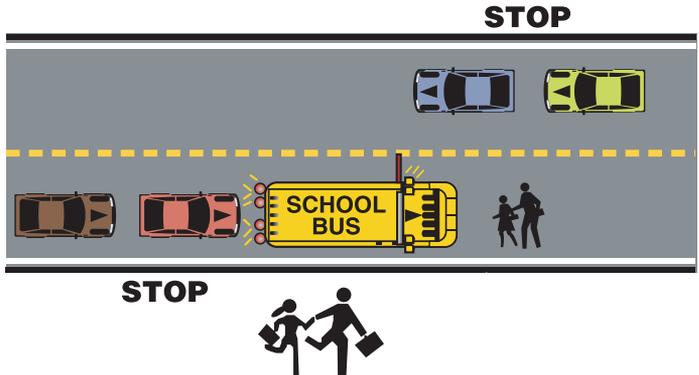
- ◆ When a school bus is about to stop and load or unload children, the bus driver activates amber warning lights.
- ◆ When meeting or overtaking a bus, slow to 25 MPH and prepare to stop.
- ◆ The amber warning lights will stay on until the bus door opens.

6E-2 Overhead Red STOP Lights/STOP Arm

- ◆ When the bus driver opens the bus door, the red stop lights and STOP arm activates.
- ◆ Stop and remain stopped until the bus driver retracts the stop arm and deactivates the red warning lights.
- ◆ Stop a reasonable distance from the bus.

6E-3 When You Must Stop

- ◆ Not stopping when approaching or overtaking a school bus which has stop lights on and the stop arm extended is unlawful. The only exception occurs when approaching a school bus in the opposite direction on a roadway divided by a median.
- ◆ Stopping is required in the following situation:



6F Large Trucks and Buses

6F-1 General Information

- ◆ A loaded truck with good tires and properly adjusted brakes, traveling at 55 MPH on a clear, dry roadway, requires a minimum of 340 feet to come to a complete stop.
- ◆ Do not abruptly enter the roadway in front of a large vehicle. If turning from the roadway, avoid changing lanes in front of a large vehicle.
- ◆ When traveling up or down steep grades, larger vehicles often drive slower and use the right lane. Avoid driving in the right lane when traveling up or down hills, as well as in the vicinity of truck weigh stations, where slow-moving trucks will be attempting to re-enter faster-moving traffic. By avoiding the right lane in these areas, you will reduce the possibility of rear-ending or being rear-ended by a large vehicle.
- ◆ Avoid driving near vehicles carrying hazardous materials. These vehicles will be clearly marked with the type of hazardous materials they are transporting, such as "Explosives", "Poison" or "Flammable" materials.
- ◆ Unlike the hydraulic brakes on automobiles, trucks and buses have air brakes. Air brakes do not operate instantly as do hydraulic brakes. Do not make sudden stops in front of large vehicles.
- ◆ On some highways, when approaching long hills with a steep grade, a sign "Slow Traffic Keep Right" will be associated with an additional right lane. This permits slower vehicles such as trucks, farm equipment, and recreational vehicles to move to the right lane thus allowing other traffic to pass on the grade.
- ◆ When navigating a roundabout, the raised paved truck apron along the edges of the circular roadway may be used for the rear wheels of large vehicles.

6F-2 No Zone

Don't hang out in the No-Zone. No-Zones are areas around trucks or buses where cars: 1) "disappear" into blind spots, or 2) are so close that they restrict the truck or bus driver's ability to stop or maneuver safely. Both types of No-Zones greatly increase the potential for a crash.

- ◆ **Backing up** – when a truck or bus is backing up, it sometimes must temporarily block the street to maneuver accurately. Never pass close behind a truck or bus that is preparing to back up or is in the process of backing up.
- ◆ **Passing** – another No-Zone is just in front of trucks or buses. One of the biggest mistakes made is to cut in too soon when passing. Don't pull in front of the truck or bus unless the entire front of the truck or bus can be seen in the rear view mirror.
- ◆ **Rear Blindspots** – trucks and buses have deep blindspots directly behind them. Do not tailgate. Being able to see the rearview mirrors of the truck or bus allows the driver of the larger vehicle to see vehicles behind or beside them.
- ◆ **Side Blindspots** – trucks and buses have much larger blindspots on both sides than cars do. Do not travel beside trucks or buses for great lengths of time.
- ◆ **Wide Turns** – because of a vehicle's size, truck and bus drivers sometime need to swing wide to manage their turns. When they do, they can't see cars directly behind or beside them. Give them plenty of room and never try to squeeze around them.

SECTION 7

If You're Involved in a Crash

7A General Information

- ◆ Stop vehicle at the scene of the crash or as close as possible.
- ◆ Assist the injured if aid is necessary or requested and notify emergency authorities.
- ◆ Use flares, reflectors, flashlights to alert traffic from all directions.
- ◆ Exchange information with the other drivers to include:
 - Name, address and telephone number.
 - License plate number.
 - Driver's license number.
 - Insurance information.
 - Make, model and year of vehicle.
- ◆ If you hit an unattended vehicle, contact the proper authorities and provide written information as outlined above where the owner can find it.
- ◆ Obtain the names and addresses of witnesses.
- ◆ Do not leave the scene of the crash until released by proper authorities.
- ◆ Complete a Driver's Motor Vehicle Accident Report and send it to the Department of Roads within ten (10) days if any person is injured or killed, or damage appears to exceed \$1000 for any vehicle or piece of property. The report must be submitted on Form DR 41, Aug 03 which is available through any state or local law enforcement authorities.

Failure to report a crash as required, is unlawful and persons in violation shall be guilty of a Class II or III misdemeanor and may have their license or privilege to drive revoked.

EXAMINING LOCATIONS

There are 13 permanent examining locations (covering nine counties) throughout the state that are open Monday-Friday. All of the remaining 84 counties' schedules are available upon request by contacting the Department of Motor Vehicles at 402-471-3861 or by reviewing the information on the Driver Licensing Service's website at: www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/trngtest/offices.html.

Grand Island:

121 Pine Street, Grand Island, NE 68801
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hastings:

Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, Hastings, NE 68901
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Kearney:

Buffalo County Courthouse, 1512 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lexington:

Dawson County Courthouse, 710 North Grant Street, Lexington, NE 68850
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
No drives given on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Lincoln:

500 West O Street, Lincoln NE 68528
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

625 North 46th Street, Lincoln NE 68503
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
No written or drive tests given.

North Platte:

111 West 3rd Street, North Platte, NE 69101
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Omaha:

4208 South 50th, Omaha, NE 68117
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

7414 North 30th Street, Omaha, NE 68112
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5730 South 144th Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2918 North 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68164
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Papillion:

Sarpy County Courthouse, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE 68046
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Scottsbluff/Gering:

1825 10th Street, Gering, NE 69341
Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NUMERICAL LIST OF COUNTY INDEX NUMBERS

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2	Lancaster.....	Lincoln	49	Howard	St. Paul
3	Gage.....	Beatrice	50	Franklin	Franklin
4	Custer.....	Broken Bow	51	Harlan.....	Alma
5	Dodge	Fremont	52	Kearney.....	Mindon
6	Saunders.....	Wahoo	53	Stanton	Stanton
7	Madison.....	Madison	54	Pawnee.....	Pawnee City
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10	Platte	Columbus	57	Johnson	Tecumseh
11	Otoe.....	Nebr. City	58	Nance.....	Fullerton
12	Knox	Center	59	Sarpy.....	Papillion
13	Cedar.....	Hartington	60	Frontier	Stockville
14	Adams	Hastings	61	Sheridan	Rushville
15	Lincoln.....	North Platte	62	Greeley	Greeley
16	Seward.....	Seward	63	Boyd	Butte
17	York.....	York	64	Morrill.....	Bridgeport
18	Dawson	Lexington	65	Box Butte.....	Alliance
19	Richardson.....	Falls City	66	Cherry	Valentine
20	Cass.....	Plattsmouth	67	Hitchcock.....	Trenton
21	Scotts Bluff	Gering	68	Keith	Ogallala
22	Saline.....	Wilber	69	Dawes.....	Chadron
23	Boone.....	Albion	70	Dakota	Dakota City
24	Cuming	West Point	71	Kimball	Kimball
25	Butler.....	David City	72	Chase	Imperial
26	Antelope	Neligh	73	Gosper.....	Elwood
27	Wayne	Wayne	74	Perkins	Grant
28	Hamilton	Aurora	75	Brown.....	Ainsworth
29	Washington	Blair	76	Dundy.....	Benkelman
30	Clay.....	Clay Center	77	Garden.....	Oshkosh
31	Burt.....	Tekamah	78	Deuel.....	Chappell
32	Thayer	Hebron	79	Hayes.....	Hayes Center
33	Jefferson	Fairbury	80	Sioux	Harrison
34	Fillmore.....	Geneva	81	Rock.....	Bassett
35	Dixon.....	Ponca	82	Keya Paha	Springview
36	Holt	O'Neill	83	Garfield.....	Burwell
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38	Furnas	Beaver City	85	Banner.....	Harrisburg
39	Cheyenne.....	Sidney	86	Blaine.....	Brewster
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Nebraska Driver's Practice Exam



To obtain a driver's license in Nebraska, you will be required to complete a data form, a vision test, and in some cases, a driving skills test. You may be required to take a knowledge test on driving laws and regulations if: you are applying for your first Nebraska license, can't present a valid out-of-state license, or if your Nebraska license is expired over one year.

The questions in the practice exam are different than those asked on the actual test. This practice exam should be used as an educational tool in conjunction with the Nebraska Driver's Manual, not as an alternative to studying the manual. Each question has only one correct answer*. The number in parentheses at the end of each question indicates the page number in the driver's manual where the correct answer can be found. You may also find the DMV Interactive Written Exam on our Web site at www.dmv.state.ne.us

Information updated June 2010

True or False.

Mark the correct answer on the line provided.

1. ____ Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is a major contributing factor in Nebraska crashes resulting in death and/or serious injury. (p. 21)
2. ____ The risk of being in a crash begins to rise noticeably between .04% and .05% BAC, and increases rapidly thereafter. (p. 22)
3. ____ At .05% BAC a driver is at no risk of being involved in an accident. (p. 22)
4. ____ Nebraska law requires the driver and all front seat passengers to properly wear safety belts. (p. 23)
5. ____ Children under age six must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved child passenger restraint system. (p. 22)
6. ____ It is possible that when an air bag deploys, even in a low speed crash, it can pose some risk of injury to children age 12 and younger, elderly drivers and passengers, and short statured adults of 5 feet or less. (p. 23)
7. ____ Never use a rear facing infant safety seat in the front passenger seat of an airbag equipped vehicle. (p. 23)
8. ____ Motorists should merge with bicycle traffic when preparing for a right hand turn (p. 59)
9. ____ Motorcyclists should not constantly change positions within a lane. (p. 58)
10. ____ Physicians and/or pharmacists should be consulted regarding any prescription medication and its possible effects on driving. (p. 24)
11. ____ Children and infants in child safety seats should always be placed in the rear seat of vehicles equipped with a passenger side air bag. (p. 23)
12. ____ The "Blind Spot" is the area directly in front of your vehicle. (p. 25)
13. ____ On two way streets, it's equally important to leave room between oncoming traffic and parked cars. (p. 25)
14. ____ Turning right at a red light after stopping is allowed, unless signs prohibiting it are posted at the intersection. (p. 29)
15. ____ The correct hand signal for a left turn is left arm out and fully extended. (p. 49).
16. ____ Flagpersons have the authority to stop traffic. (p. 39)
17. ____ Headlights must be used from 9 pm to 9am. (p. 55)
18. ____ At a four way stop, common courtesy is that the driver who stops first should be permitted to go first. (p.43)
19. ____ You may pass if a solid yellow line is on your side of the middle of a two-lane highway. (p. 40)
20. ____ Making a left turn is the only lawful crossing allowed over double yellow lines (p. 40)
21. ____ Pedestrians have the right of way when in crosswalks even if the driver has the green light. (p. 46)
22. ____ If you park facing uphill where there is a curb, you should set the parking brake and turn the wheels away from the curb. (p. 52)
23. ____ White lines separate lanes of traffic going in the same direction. (p. 41)
24. ____ It is unlawful to exceed the posted speed limit when passing. (p. 48)
25. ____ The State has established different Blood Alcohol Concentration legal limits, based on a driver's age and type of vehicle he/she is driving. (p.21)

Continue on reverse side.

Multiple Choice.

Circle the letter that best answers the question.

26. Any person who is a diabetic, has a heart condition or suffers from any other medical condition that results in an incident that involved a loss of consciousness will be required to be free from loss of consciousness for how many months before renewing or obtaining a drivers' license? (p. 24)
- a) 3 months c) 12 months
b) 6 months d) 18 months
27. The minimum speed allowed for driving on the interstate is: (p. 54)
- a) 30 mph c) 55 mph
b) 40 mph d) none of these
28. Signal your turn at least ____ feet before planning to change direction.(p. 25)
- a) 50 c) 300
b) 100 d) 400
29. You should allow ____ seconds between your vehicle and the car in front of you.(p.25)
- a) one second c) three seconds
b) two seconds d) four seconds
30. Orange signs indicate which of the following: (p. 30)
- a) construction c) upcoming hazard
b) recreation area d) rest area
31. A triangle shaped road sign requires that the driver: (p. 31)
- a) stop c) yield
b) speed up d) make a left turn
32. When you hear a siren or see the flashing lights of an emergency vehicle you must: (p. 46)
- a) pull over to the curb
b) pull into an intersection
c) stop
d) a and c
33. The speed limit in residential areas is: (p. 47)
- a) 15 mph c) 20 mph
b) 35 mph d) 25 mph
34. You may not park within ____ feet of a fire hydrant. (p. 51)
- a) 5 feet
b) 10 feet
c) 15 feet
d) none of these
35. When approaching railroad tracks, one should stop for which of the following situations (p. 52):
- a) a signal indicating a train is coming
b) a crossing gate is lowered
c) the train is visible or a train whistle is heard
d) all of these
36. When driving on open interstate, slower traffic should keep to the: (p. 54)
- a) right c) either
b) left
37. When driving in fog, one should use: (p. 56)
- a) high beams c) no lights
b) low beams d) none of these
38. The only exception for passing a school bus with its stop lights on and stop arm extended is (p. 60)
- a) when traveling on a street with broken yellow lines
b) when traveling at night
c) when traveling in the opposite direction of a school bus on a roadway divided by a median
d) none of these
39. Drivers of air bag-equipped vehicles should allow at least ____ inches of space between themselves and the steering wheel: (p. 23)
- a) 6-7 c) 10-12
b) 8-9 d) none of these
40. If the wheels of your vehicle fall off the edge of the roadway or pavement you should (p. 57):
- a) turn back onto the roadway immediately
b) reduce speed
c) turn back onto the roadway when it is safe
d) b and c

Answer Key

1. T	2. T	3. F
4. T	5. T	6. T
7. T	8. T	9. F
10. T	11. T	12. F
13. T	14. T	15. T
16. T	17. F	18. T
19. F	20. T	21. T
22. T	23. T	24. T
25. T	26. a	27. b
28. b	29. b	30. a
31. c	32. d	33. d
34. c	35. d	36. a
37. b	38. c	39. c
40. d		

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NEBRASKA

Safety Belt Facts

- ✓ During 2009, 223 people died and 17,775 were injured in traffic crashes in Nebraska.
- ✓ One collision occurs every 15 minutes in Nebraska.
- ✓ One in every 21 licensed drivers in Nebraska will be involved in a motor vehicle collision each year.
- ✓ Of the 205 fatal crashes in Nebraska, 73 or 36% of these crashes were alcohol-related.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes cost Nebraska over \$729,430,000 annually using 2008 National Safety Council calculable costs of motor vehicle crashes.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 5 and 34.
- ✓ 49 people were injured each day in motor vehicle crashes in Nebraska during 2009 and one person was killed every 39 hours.
- ✓ The observed safety belt use rate in 2009 for drivers and passengers was 85 percent.
- ✓ Safety belts cut the risk of death or serious injury in a crash by 45 to 50 percent.



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EMERGENCY HIGHWAY HELP LINE
Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately
1-800-525-5555 or
***55 on your mobile phone**
511 for Road Conditions

AMBER ALERT

The AMBER Alert program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, and other entities to activate urgent bulletins in the event of a serious child abduction.

Broadcasters use the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to air a description of the abducted child and the suspected abductor (when available) and the suspect vehicle. The Nebraska Lottery sends instant messages to all lottery retailers. The Nebraska Department of Roads posts the information on electronic overhead billboards. The information is also posted on the Nebraska State Patrol website at www.nsp.state.ne.us.

The goal of the AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for a safe return of the child.

The information herein is not intended to be an official legal reference to Nebraska traffic laws. If you have a court case or other reason to know the actual language of law, it will be necessary for you to refer to the actual statutes rather than this manual.

This publication is available in an audio version on the DMV webstate at: www.dmv.state.ne.us/examining/audio.html.

The internet address for the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles homepage is: www.dmv.ne.gov.



NEW NEBRASKA LAW REQUIRES DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR SAFETY

With passage of the *Move Over Law*, drivers are required to move over a lane when approaching stopped emergency or roadside assistance vehicles on controlled access highways. After determining it's safe, *you must move over* to create a clear lane of traffic as you approach the following vehicles with flashing lights:

- Tow service vehicles
- Fire fighting vehicles
- Motorist assist units
- Emergency medical service vehicles
- Law enforcement vehicles
- Department of Roads vehicles

If you are unable to move over due to road or weather conditions, or traffic congestion, slow down and maintain a safe speed while passing.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE LAW:

For a first offense, drivers can be fined up to \$100. Subsequent offenses can result in fines of up to \$500 and/or up to seven days in jail.